

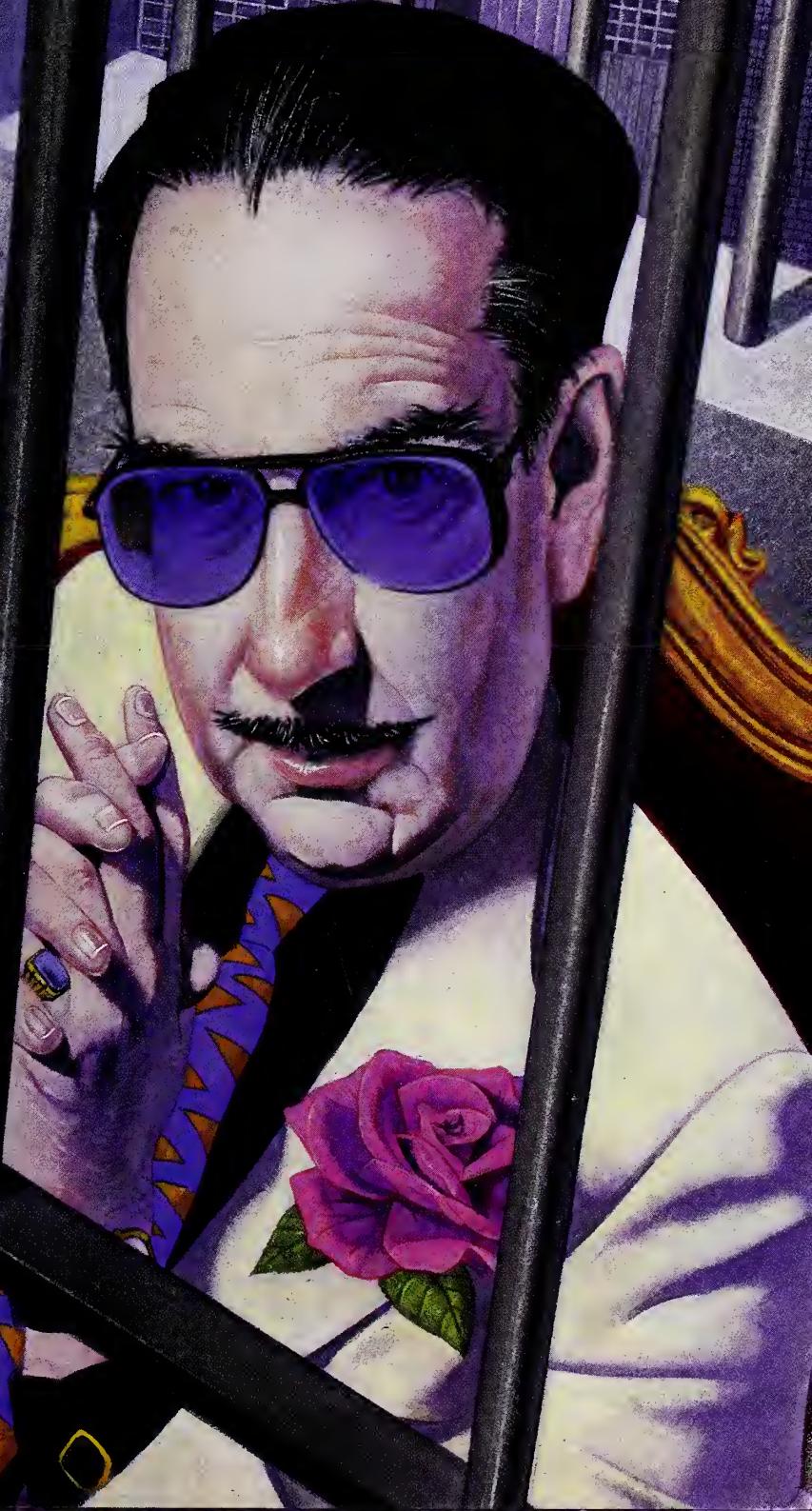
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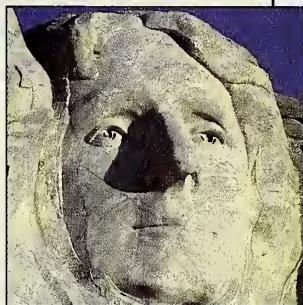
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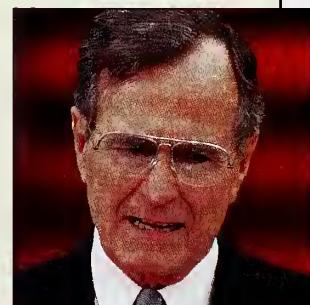
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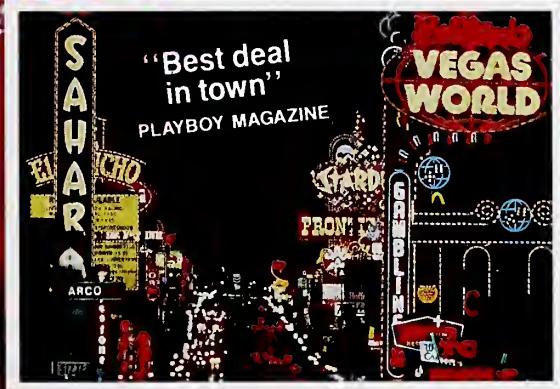
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with nuclear energy. Bill Harris refers to the small amount of waste produced each year. Doesn't he realize this waste won't go away in our lifetimes or our grandchildren's lifetimes? He stated every bit of used fuel ever produced by nuclear electric plants is stored safely. Some of these very same plants are within five years of reaching their on-site storage capacity. Congress tried to establish at least three safe sites for long-term storage of nuclear waste, but right now, that number is down to one, and that facility is questionable because of the possibility of an earthquake in the area. To say it has never posed a threat to man nor the environment is the most naive thing I've ever heard.

We need to reduce our need for oil, whether foreign or domestic, given its adverse effect on our environment, but nuclear is not the answer with the current technical problems. Alternative energy sources such as solar, wind and geothermal are more benign. With proper research and financial incentives, we can begin developing energy independence with alternative sources.

*Foyil R. Harris Jr.  
Rialto, Calif.*

Bill Harris attempts to make a case for nuclear energy, and rightfully so. If this would reduce our dependence on the Middle East oil, it would certainly be a great help. However, no one seems to mention solar energy, a safe, clean alternative without the tremendous problem of nuclear waste. The entire southern tier of the United States should be vigorously developing solar energy with the help of our government. The billions we are spending on oil could eventually eliminate our dependency on oil.

*Seymour Adler  
Deerfield Beach, Fla.*

## Flag Waves

The five judges of the Supreme Court who allowed flag burning to become permissible did not recognize the difference between freedom of speech and freedom of deed. One can desecrate a judge's robes, the flag or the White House with the spoken or written word and be protected by the Constitution. However, burning the judge's robes,

the flag or the White House is not covered by the Constitution. The intent of the Founding Fathers was to grant the U.S. Congress and the states the authority to rule on legislation pertaining to methods of expression not covered by the Constitution. Certainly they did not intend to make a judicial body into a legislative body.

*Carl M. Zartier  
Chicago*

The protection of our flag as our sacred national symbol must be accomplished. The liberals who say its protection will clutter our Constitution also say the Second Amendment doesn't mean what it says. But it does. The majority isn't silent; our government is deaf. Write your congressman. Be polite, but firm. Flag protection will prevail.

*Harold B. Learned  
Los Angeles*

## Stone Reaction

As I read the story of Jack Stone ("Casualty of War," February) I felt fear of eventually being in the same situation. I'm not saying that we, as veterans, deserve all the pie, but VA hospitals and veterans should be spared the budget ax. VA hospital system is one of the few safety nets we have that is supposedly guaranteed to us for life. What can our soldiers expect when they return home wounded from Operation Desert Storm? Most likely a medal and a thank you from a grateful nation, if they are lucky.

Going to the VA hospital was once a badge of honor for me, telling people of my service. Now, because of a few doctors' attitudes and a deteriorating VA health system, people say things like, "Poor man. He's got to go there?" We need help. I hope they are listening on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., because when this war is over, our new combat veterans will need a system they can depend on. Let's not have any more Jack Stones!

*Walter R. Briggs  
Alexandria, La.*

I think the story of Jack Stone should be mandatory reading for each con-

gressman. Mandatory, so they will have to live with their own conscience, if they have any. I hope our troops in the Middle East won't hear of what's in their future.

*Allen D. Regenos  
Claypool, Ind.*

## Medic!

I believe we should have national health care (Big Issues, February). It's about time the American taxpayer started getting something for his tax dollar. Granted, both Great Britain and Canada have their problems with health care, but overall their systems are better than what we have.

As for finding the money to fund the system, it seems simple enough: Take the more than \$500 billion for the savings and loans bailouts and make those countries that owe us money start paying it back, instead of forgiving their debts. Where did Congress find the 25 percent pay raise they gave themselves? Why don't we, as taxpayers, have the same medical coverage Congress has? Support H.R. 4253.

*Leo J. Parent Jr.  
Turners Falls, Mass.*

Gary Turbak's article, ("Our Ailing Health-Care System," December 1990) was a very good article. I enjoyed it, but question some of the statements and conclusions. Turbak wrote, "Medical treatment in some countries is often free." Who is he kidding? We all pay taxes and some studies show such a system would raise taxes more than 70 percent.

We'll "never see a bill," and never know the cost. That's part of the problem today; there's no way to compare, to shop. Will changing the system lower the cost and improve the benefits?

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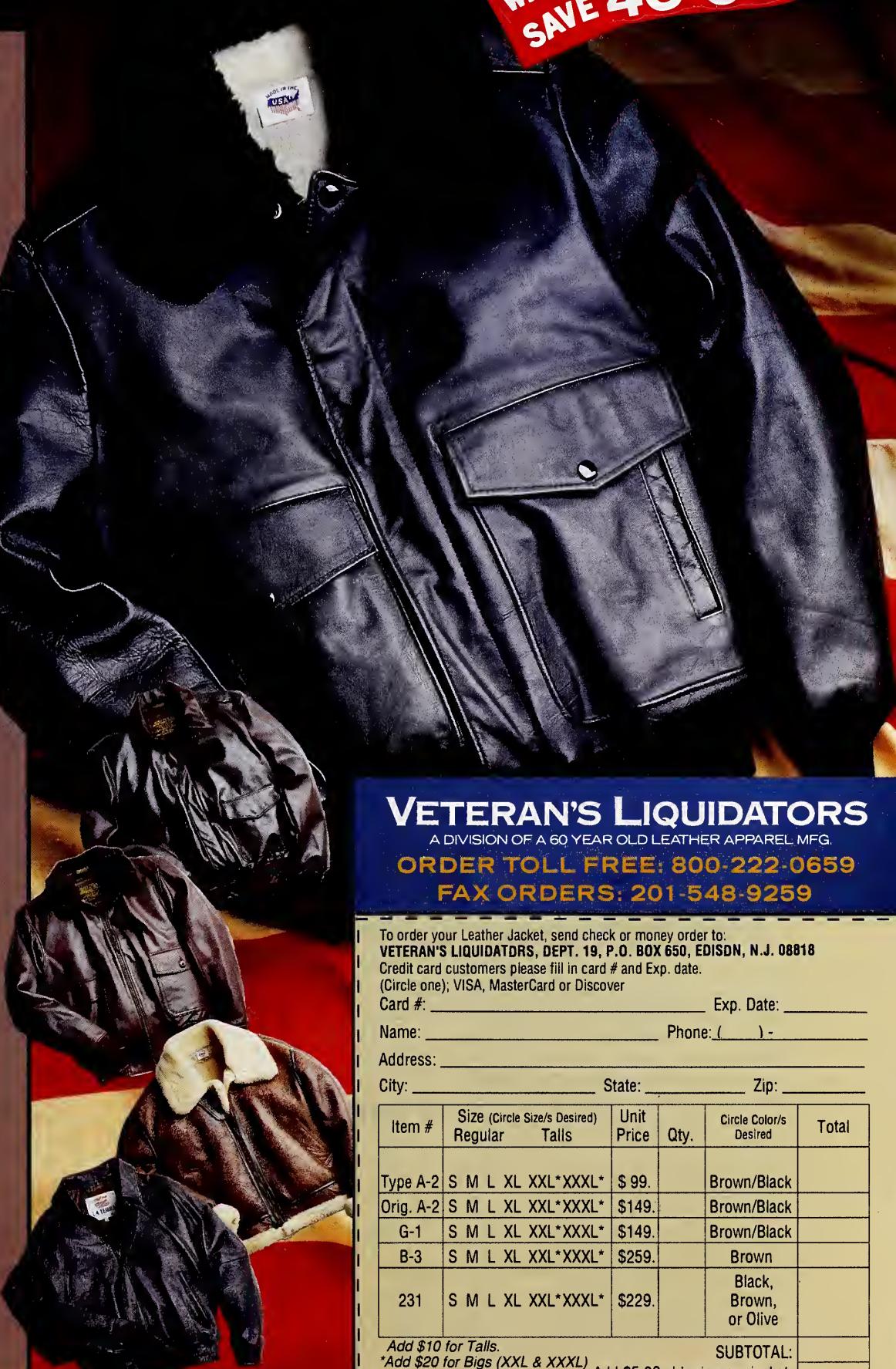
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*John A. Hood  
Agoura Hills, Calif.*

## Iraq Commentary

Why us? I can understand the reasons for getting rid of Saddam Hussein, but why are we leading the pack? Why are we the point man? I can see our role as support troops, planes and tanks, but this action must be backed up by the European and Asian countries most affected by the oil situation. I read with distaste the statement by Egypt, "We cannot fight in Iraq; they are our brothers." If they cannot fight their brothers who are about to cut their throats, why should we take it upon ourselves to do their fighting? American blood is more valuable than oil, and more valuable than people who will not fight their own battles.

*Allan H. Stein  
Newport News, Va.*

The thousands of demonstrators who have taken to the streets in many cities to make their voices heard for peace are well-meaning but misdirected. Without a doubt, all Legionnaires and the majority of Americans support our military effort in the Persian Gulf. However, we should remember we have been backed into this position. If Saddam Hussein were allowed to control oil supplies in the Persian Gulf, he would also control the economies of the Western world. The outrage of the demonstrators and the rest of us should be directed at the energy policy—or the lack of it—our political leaders have allowed to exist since the oil shock of the '70s. If a fraction of the money spent by our gov-

ernment during the past 20 years had been applied to learning how to safely use coal, nuclear energy, solar energy and building natural gas distribution lines, oil would still be selling for \$4 a barrel on the world market, and we would not now have thousands of young lives at risk in the gulf. All Legionnaires should write letters to Congress demanding a better national energy policy, then see what happens to oil prices.

*Melvin H. Murphy  
Roseburg, Ore.*

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower once said that morale is the greatest single factor in the conduct of war. He might have added that the most persistent underminers of morale are the anti-militarists who dominate the media. In the Persian Gulf action, the media is Saddam Hussein's most effective ally.

*Clem J. Stava  
Sun City, Ariz.*

Thank our veterans of yesterday for our freedom today, and thank our military today for a free world tomorrow. Nobody wants war, but everyone wants freedom. Sometimes you have to stand up and protect your freedom, your flag and your country. I'm proud of what my country and flag stand for. God bless our military and watch over them.

*Jerry Bunda  
Stockton, Calif.*

I see in *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE* that Congress is still tossing the Agent Orange question around. I wonder what the Desert Storm veterans will be told if they are in a biological or chemical war? If they have medical problems, they will probably be told, like the Vietnam veteran, that it's non-service connected or they volunteered.

*Gary Starkey  
Malta, Ohio*

## Fund Us First

Ever since we've been funding the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), other countries have been surpassing the United States in education.

Why do the Japanese students do better in science and math than our students? It's because we're funding

their educations, instead of our own. It's time we funded more of our own science and math education. Other countries should have to fend for themselves. Our country's standards should be elevated to the standards of the '50s and '60s, when I was going to school. We're slipping.

People ask why Johnny can't read and write, and I think it's because of UNESCO. It's high time we took more of our money and funded our own education. Everyone else in the world shouldn't get smart at our expense.

*Craig Richardson  
Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.*

## It's The Limit

Most definitely "Twelve Years And Out" (February) should apply to our congressmen. Let's go further:

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Personally, I'm weary of all the inequities of our Congress.

*M. Thompson  
Peoria, Ill.*

To all those complaining about miners and sappers in Congress, I have a burning question: Did you vote for any incumbents last election? If so, you have nothing to gripe about. My credo is don't re-elect anyone. We might lose a few good ones, but it will be worth it to get rid of those who are bleeding us to death. Once they get into office, they care not one whit for us, who they are supposed to represent. It does no good to write to them because all you'll get is a computer printout with computer signatures. Remember them at election time.

*Jack Proefrock  
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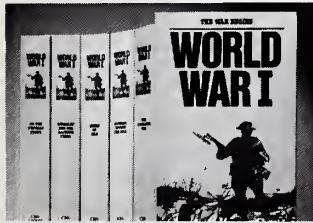
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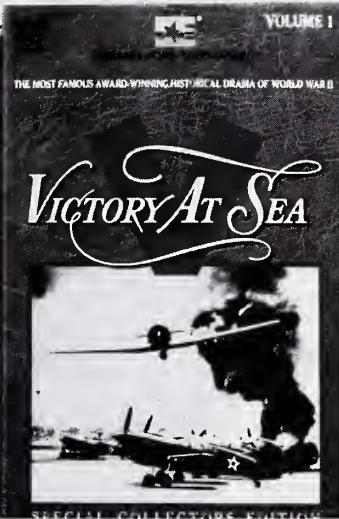
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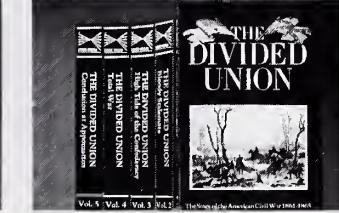


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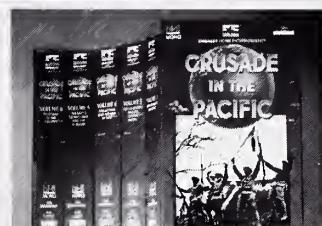


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# LEGION POSTS' RESPONSE TO GI FAMILIES IS RIGHT FROM THE HEART

**B**Y NOW, most of you are busy in your communities making The American Legion Family Support Network a success. In my travels as National Commander, I've witnessed and heard about the wonderful work being done for military families whose lives have been disrupted by the Persian Gulf War.

As I write this, more than 20,000 calls have been placed with the toll-free service. The nature of the calls has ranged from families in need of cash assistance caused by the deployment of their loved ones, to callers who simply needed a shoulder to cry on.

Let me share just a few of the success stories from a few of our Departments:

In Upper Black Eddy, Pa., Rita D. said goodbye to her husband when he was shipped to the gulf with his Navy unit. It couldn't have come at a worse time, as the family was in the process of installing baseboard heating in the children's room.

Mrs. D. called the network and Legionnaires immediately responded. Past District Commander Grover Kilmer found a local contractor who was willing to finish the work at no cost.

A few hundred miles to the west, in the tiny, coal-mining town of Wicinisco, Lisa D. and her two children also faced the prospect of having their heat cut off when funds ran out for fuel oil. Mrs. D. called the network, and the Department of Pennsylvania asked Legionnaires from Williamstown Post 239, Post 124, Lykens, and Elizabethville Post 404 to take up a collection and assist Mrs. D., whose husband serves with an Army transportation group. Each day is a struggle, and Mrs. D. has told Legion staff members that she looks at our organization as a friend.

In a suburb of Pittsburgh, a young mother was nearing the completion of her college degree when her husband's Marine Corp Reserve unit was called



*Nat'l Cmdr. Robert S. Turner*

up. It took all of the family's savings for his deployment. She picked up the telephone and called (800) 786-0901. Monaca Totha Post 580 gave her vouchers to pay for food at a local grocery, they bought shoes for her child and they worked with creditors to help defer payments during her husband's absence.

**N**HUNTSVILLE, Ala., a mother of two, whose Army husband had filed for divorce before being sent to the Persian Gulf, was told that household belongings in storage at Fort Campbell, Ky., could not be released to her. While the Legion is not in the business of offering legal advice or insinuating itself in private matters, the Department of Alabama is keeping in touch with the woman to ensure that her family does not have to go without.

Legionnaires' assistance under the fledgling network has taken on many ordinary and extraordinary dimensions.

A Midfield, Ala., woman, whose husband's National Guard unit was activated in October, found herself without means to get to her nursing job when

the family car quit running. Birmingham Post 43 members responded and found the problem—a dead battery. They bought her a new one and installed it.

The network also brought together two Birmingham mothers whose sons were on duty with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in Saudi Arabia. Unbeknownst to them, their sons had struck up a friendship while serving at the 82nd's home base at Fort Bragg, N.C.

There are not enough pages in this issue of your magazine to chronicle the successes we have had in helping the families of troops who are now in the Persian Gulf. You'll be hearing more about them in the months to come.

As all of us know, April is designated each year by the Legion as Children and Youth month. This would be a perfect opportunity for Legion Posts and individual Legionnaires to reaffirm commitments to programs such as drug education and teen suicide prevention. We must also recognize that the deployment of young people's fathers and mothers in this war also will create hardships, and we must make ourselves available to help them in our communities.

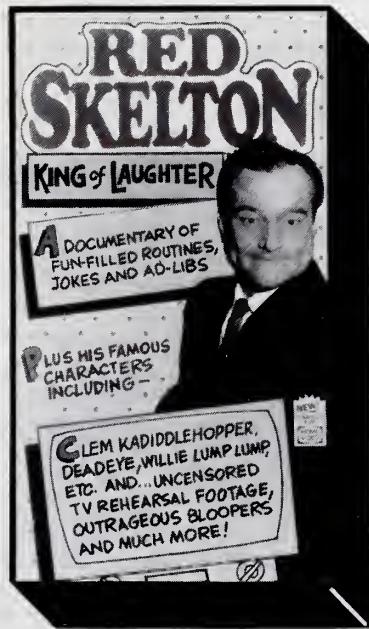
I also urge you to encourage the children of our service people in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere to become involved in programs such as American Legion Baseball, the National Oratorical Contest, Boys State and Girls State. As former chairman of the Americanism Commission, I can attest to the positive influences these programs have in promoting the wholesome development of youths.

The American Legion Family Support Network is making a difference in the lives of loved ones left behind in the wake of the Persian Gulf War. I know I can count on you in the days ahead to make it an even more stellar success. We owe it to our service people to do our best while they are away, under fire and on the fringes of freedom's frontier. □

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# SHOULD CONGRESS APPROVE A FREE-TRADE PACT WITH MEXICO?

**Rep. Morris K. Udall, D-Arizona**

In just 18 months, Mexico's President Carlos Salina de Gortari has given his country's economy a strong dose of medicine. Consider what President Salina has done: ended the restriction on foreign investment, denationalized the national bank, and cut Mexican tariffs from 100 percent to 20 percent.

**YES**



The success of these initiatives can be measured by the reduction of Mexico's rate of inflation from 160 percent in 1987 to 20 percent today. Clearly, President Salina is turning the Mexican economy on its head. The question for the United States is: Do we merely watch from the sideline or do we want to benefit from and aid this transition?

The congressional district I represent shares a 250-mile border with Mexico, and I've lived 60 miles from the border more than 40 years. I recognized long ago that the problems that confront Mexico confront us as well, and our futures are tied. Last year, trade between the two countries exceeded \$51 billion, \$25 billion flowing south, ranking Mexico third among our trading partners behind Canada and Japan. In addition, American exports to Mexico doubled between 1986 and 1989.

There is opposition to a free-trade agreement. It has been argued that American goods are more costly because stricter work place safety standards are applied to American firms. The theory holds that our goods are more expensive than goods produced in Mexico, and American companies will suffer from competition. I cannot support this line of thought. Our trade relationship with Mexico is a healthy one.

American companies are not competing with Mexican industry for markets in either country. American companies sold \$25 billion in products last year in Mexico and clearly stand to gain with the relaxation of tariffs and trade restrictions. A free-trade agreement with Mexico will enlarge the market for American goods and American workers.

In 1992, the countries of Western Europe will unite into the European Single Market. A cooperative, working relationship with Canada and Mexico will aid the United States in competing with the marketing monolith created by the European Community '92. We should move forward to develop a pact in which our countries can improve the strength of our economics through fair and friendly competition.

**Rep. Helen Delich Bentley, R-Maryland**



**NO**

In touting the proposed free-trade agreement with Mexico, proponents would have us believe that it will be very similar to the Canadian free-trade agreement and that it will work in much the same manner. I think both premises are wrong. In the first place, the free-trade agreement with Canada has been in place less than two years, not long enough for us to know how it is working. Secondly, the condition of the Mexican economy and the living standards of the two countries are not comparable. Canada has a population of 26 million with a gross national product (GNP) of \$463 billion, but Mexico has a population of 86 million with a GNP of \$201 billion, or under half the GNP with more than three times the population.

The concept of opening the nation's borders to the unrestricted flow of goods produced by other countries—especially by poorer nations—usually guarantees lower prices to consumers in the early days. Implicit in this acceptance of lower-than-U.S.-cost-produced items is an equivalent loss of American jobs in affected manufacturing sectors, as has been proven true in too many U.S. industries harmed by these lower-priced foreign goods.

There is another factor working against the U.S. industrial base which is a direct outgrowth of the concept of freewheeling free trade: the strip along the Mexican border that acts as a free-trade zone. Since the mid 1960s an estimated 1,900 U.S. manufacturers have moved operations to Mexico to take advantage of cheaper labor. Average pay is \$1.14 to \$1.80 per hour in the Mexican plants of U.S.-based manufacturers.

The loss to America of even 1,000 of these facilities averages to 20 plants per state representing lost jobs, lost local and state taxes, smaller contributions to Social Security, unemployment compensation, and workers' compensation. Eastman Kodak is a case in point. Kodak manufactures many of its parts in the United States, but assembles its cameras in Monterrey, Mexico. Within the past 18 months, Kodak has laid off 6,000 workers in New York state.

Opening the border to every Mexican producer, from agriculture to high tech manufacturing, is like adding 20 or 30 states to the union exempt from all regulations under which the rest of us have to operate. Free trade? Hardly. It's more like an invitation to free booty and more pillage of our industries and our jobs.

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**ALWAYS THERE**—Grants for needy children of veterans can be obtained by Post Service Officers familiar with the Temporary Financial Assistance program.

**A** COMBINATION of the Family Support Network and a Children and Youth program provided assistance to an Indiana grandmother in big financial trouble. The grandmother called the Legion for help after her daughter and daughter's husband were sent to the Persian Gulf, leaving her with their six-month-old baby.

The woman had just lost her job and sold her home and moved into a one-bedroom apartment. She had no baby supplies or furniture, and lacked food and money. The American Legion gave her \$300 to tide her over until the parents' allotment checks arrived. The money came from the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) fund.

"Temporary Family Assistance isn't

a new program; it's been around for years," said Eugene V. Lindquist, Chairman of the Children and Youth Commission. "Yet, time after time we hear someone say, 'TFA? When did we start that program?' More Post service officers need to familiarize themselves with TFA so it can be of maximum value to our veterans."

**T**HE basic qualifications for a TFA grant are: The veteran, though not required to be a member of the Legion, must be Legion eligible with minor children in the home. The veteran's children must be unmarried, under the age of 18 and must be the legally acknowledged natural children or legally adopted children of the veteran. Exceptions are if the child is between 18 and 21 and either physically handicapped or attending an approved high school.

If the veteran is deceased, the parent must produce either a judicial decree naming the veteran as parent of the children or a birth certificate.

Stanley Rudnicki, Department of Oklahoma Division Commander and Commander of Post 35 of Oklahoma City, has noted a sharp increase in the number of TFA applications in his District, primarily from families affected by Operation Desert Storm. "Most of the money has been needed for things like utility bills, rent payments and emergency medical care," Rudnicki said. "So far, it's been taking a short time to get a TFA request through channels."

The channels Rudnicki referred to consist of a meeting with the family by a Post representative. The Post official documents the needs of the family, completes the application, writes a brief report and forwards the items either to the Department Children and Youth chairman, Department adjutant or another Department representative.

The Department reviews the case, makes a recommendation and sends this along with the application to National Headquarters.

At Headquarters, the application is reviewed by Children and Youth Commission representatives and forwarded to the National Adjutant for approval. Once approved, a check is drawn and forwarded to the Department for delivery to the family. The whole process usually takes less than a week and can move even faster with the use of overnight mail.

"We've witnessed a marked increase in the number of requests coming through our Department," said L. Carey Bankhead, Department of Missouri Adjutant. "We had a representative from the National Commission on Children and Youth visit and teach us about the TFA program, and since then, we've really been able to help our veterans."

"It's hard to explain why more Posts don't take advantage of TFA," said Lee Hardy, assistant director of the Legion's Americanism and Children & Youth Division. "Some seem to feel the paperwork might be too complicated, but it's nothing more than recording information about the family, providing documentation of eligibility, such as a DD-214 discharge paper, and explaining what the money is needed for. It's a very simple process."

For most Posts, the service officer is usually the Post official that handles

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# CALM IN THE STORM

*Calls to the Family Support Network have triggered Post outreach programs to serve the emotional needs of Desert Storm Families.*



**SHARED CONCERN**—Two mothers of Desert Storm GIs embrace during a support group meeting sponsored by Post 790, West Covina, Calif.

**A**MERICA saw the Persian Gulf War erupt on Jan. 16 when U.S.-led allied forces bombed military targets in Iraq and in occupied Kuwait. For families of U.S. troops in the Middle East, the war erupted in their hearts as well, with fear, anxiety and apprehension.

Even before Desert Shield became Desert Storm, The American Legion Family Support Network vigilantly assisted families of U.S. troops in the Middle East, providing assistance from household chores to financial aid. At press time, the Family Support Network, which can be called at 1-800-

**786-0901**, has received more than 17,000 calls for assistance. Since the war began, more families have called the network trying to locate their relatives in the Middle East, and families and friends have more frequently sought support groups through the Legion's toll-free number.

"The basic need now is emotional, rather than physical," said National Commander Robert S. Turner. "As wartime veterans, we, better than anyone, can provide emotional assistance to Desert Storm families by organizing support groups or referring families to the proper military support groups."

Several Posts have opened their doors to accommodate families who need support groups. For example, two

days after the war began, Post 146 of Kettle Falls, Wa., opened the Post all day and invited everyone who wanted to talk or pray. Post Chaplain Patrick Munds and other Post 146 Legionnaires answered questions, and comforted and encouraged families of U.S. troops in the Middle East.

"A lot of the people who stopped by the Post had mixed emotions," Munds said. "Many were afraid and didn't know what to expect. Most had never experienced war firsthand. I think the families were relieved by seeing all the guys in the blue hats. The families and friends know we, Legionnaires, came back from other wars. Just knowing we're here after war is a big comfort to the families, and they may feel more certain their loved ones will return."

After that initial open house, Post 146 hosts support group meetings every other week.

And Joe Chilelli of West Covina, Calif., formed a support group after a deluge of calls to the Family Support Network asking for a group in Southern California.

"It was just needed," he said. "It will get people in similar situations together to talk about their concerns."

In addition to providing emotional support to Southern California families, Chilelli and other area Legionnaires attended the support group meeting on Feb. 7 at Post 790 to offer any other kind of assistance.

Mrs. S. called the Family Support Network after her husband, a telecommunications specialist attached to the 23rd Infantry Replacement Detachment, left for the Middle East on Jan. 23. Mrs. S., the mother of a 2-year-old and a 9-month-old, needed someone to talk to, and she planned to attend the Post 790 support group meeting.

"I just wanted a number where I could talk to someone," Mrs. S. said about the Family Support Network. "The days just go by, some good, some bad, but knowing others are in the same situation helps."

Mrs. A., the sister of one of the troops in Saudi Arabia, planned to attend the support group meeting in West Covina after she called the Family Support Network. Mrs. A., like many others, saw the toll-free Family Support Network telephone number on a television public service announcement.

"I was on my way to visit my brother this past October," she recalled. "But when I talked to him, he told me he had

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been called to go to the Middle East. After he left, I felt I needed someone to talk to who shared my feelings. When I called the number, someone called me back and made me feel better, and made me laugh," Mrs A. said.

Another sharing the feelings of Mrs. A. and Mrs. S. is Mrs. M., whose husband left Dec. 6 for Saudi Arabia.

"I need someone else who's feeling what I'm feeling—the same loss and loneliness," Mrs. M. said. "I have talked to my sister but not to anyone who has a husband over there. I worry about it day and night. I don't even like to watch the news. I don't know exactly where he is or when he's coming home. It's a nightmare."

Before her husband left, though, she saw The American Legion Family Support Network telephone number during a public service announcement and wrote it down.

"The network is fantastic, wonderful," she said, after making arrangements to attend a support group through the network.

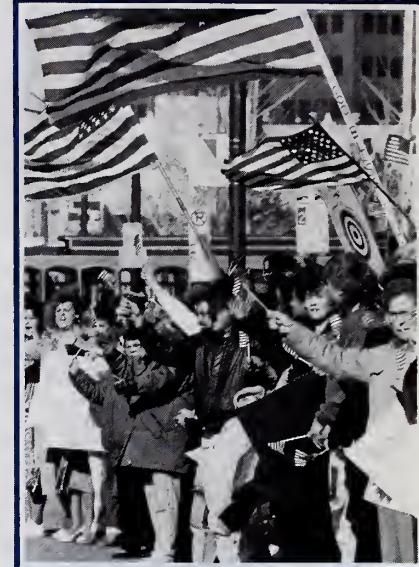
In addition to creating support groups or referring families to military support groups, Legionnaires have helped families by providing instruction to those who want to create support groups. Department of Alabama Adjutant Ray Andrews and Department Service Officer Henry L. Hammond explained the Legion services, including the Family Support Network to representatives from colleges statewide who were planning to form post-secondary support groups.

**A**TA RALLY the morning after U.S. forces started bombing Iraq, Legionnaires in Indianapolis, in conjunction with a local radio station, handed out flags at the Indiana War Memorial. One woman graciously accepted her flag, holding back tears.

"Have you got someone over there?" said the Legionnaire handing her the flag.

"Yes, my son," the woman replied as he gave her a sympathetic hug.

Although the emotional needs of families of U.S. troops in the Middle East have increased since the war began, these families still need help with everyday chores. Legion Posts continue to offer this assistance. For example, Legionnaires in the Fifth District of the Department of Kansas helped a military family move from one housing unit to another, with Legionnaires in Post 401 and Post 273 of



**SENDING A MESSAGE**—An Indianapolis rally led by Legionnaires demonstrates support for our troops.

Wichita volunteering manpower and money.

And Post 58 of Valley, Neb., Commander Harold Adams and Post Adjutant Virland Hollins helped the wife of a U.S. serviceman in the Middle East with some electrical work. In addition, they fixed the kitchen sink for the wife and mother of three.

Those interested in contributing to the Family Support Network can donate money to The American Legion Family Support Network Fund, P.O. Box 1817, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Legionnaires also contribute their patriotism to support families of U.S. troops. Post 224 of Ticonderoga, N.Y., boosted spirits of families with relatives in the Middle East by donating flags to area schools to be flown on school buses.

To show its support for the Armed Forces members serving in the Middle East, the Department of Pennsylvania planned several patriotic rallies. On Jan. 25, more than 2,000 people attended a rally in Philadelphia to show support for troops in Operation Desert Storm.

"We want to show our support for those brave men and women, as well as their families here at home," said Department of Pennsylvania Adjutant Edward T. Hoak. □

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# Before The Fall

**L**IN A SMALL Midwestern town, Benjamin often entertained his high school classmates with magic tricks, putting on shows in his living room and backyard. But Benjamin was not happy. He had a drinking problem and an unsettled family life. Eventually, his pain became too much.

One spring afternoon, Benjamin left school early and killed himself with a shotgun.

His magic suicide. An abracadabra escape from hurt.

Despite good grades and many friends, Benjamin was one of about 5,000 young people who commit suicide each year. Suicide's illusion of relief has made it the third leading cause of young people's deaths, and every year, between 50,000 to 100,000 young people attempt it.

To dispel myths of teen suicide, The American Legion has published the *Warning Signs* brochure. Created for parents and students, *Warning Signs* includes information on the causes of teen suicide, methods of prevention, a few "dos" and "don'ts" about dealing with teens with suicidal tendencies, and a list of people and contacts who may help those teens contemplating suicide. Also, the brochure states that there is no dominant cause of teen suicide, but often these situations occur before a suicide attempt: tremendous pressure from friends and family not to fail; a breakdown of the family structure or rejection; and confusion about the future and goals (see related story, page 22).

In addition, the brochure tells how Legionnaires can become involved in teen suicide prevention in their communities. For example, after receiving copies of *Warning Signs*, Post 145 of Astoria, N.Y., sent the brochures to members in the Post's newsletter. On



**SHATTERED**—Alcohol and drug abuse are warning signs of a potential teen suicide.

the front page of the newsletter, past Post Commander Harold Kress Jr. called for Post 145 Legionnaires to learn more about teen suicide and to become active in local suicide prevention.

"The teen years are supposed to be the fun years, the learning years, the growing up years, the excitement-of-new-experiences years," Kress wrote. "And they are also years of disappointment, pain, frustration, anger and confusion. Fortunately, the great majority of the nation's teen-agers survive all of the pitfalls of adolescent years and cross the threshold into adulthood. But some don't make it."

Through efforts of Post 145 and Legionnaires such as Robert Stump, the Department of Wisconsin Children & Youth Chairman, suicide is preventable and more teen-agers *do* make it. This past year, Stump supervised the distribution of thousands of *Warning Signs* brochures to Wisconsin students and parents.

"It's hard to tell how well the program works, but it does work," Stump said. "Posts and Departments should go to the school superintendents for permission. You have to take the bull by the horns and go to the top if you want results and want to help young people."

After Stump recently distributed the brochures to students in Wisconsin, from the fourth grade to high school, he said the Department received many letters of thanks. For example, Sister Leonette Kochan of St. Mary's Catholic school in Kaukauna, Wis., wrote: "On behalf of the students, we thank you for your anti-drug and anti-alcohol message, not only because of the information, but also because of the young people experiencing the effort put forth by others on their behalf."

Rev. James Plitzweit, principal of the Fox Valley Lutheran School in Appleton, Wis., agreed, stating that the brochure is very informative for parents and students.

In addition to his Department-level work to prevent teen suicide, Stump also raises suicide prevention awareness through Post 38 of Appleton. At a Legion-sponsored booth during the town's October Fest '90, Stump handed out about 8,000 *Warning Signs* brochures to Appleton-area residents.

Auxiliary units have also participated in the Legion's suicide prevention program. For example, the Auxiliary Unit of Post 469 of Frankton, Ind., distributed the brochures to students at Frankton High School, and the brochures were used in health classes.

Distraught teen-agers may see suicide as a magic answer to their pains, but that illusionary curtain of suicide is an ultimately permanent solution to usually temporary problems. Your Post or Department can help. For free *Warning Signs* brochures and more information, write to the National Children & Youth Commission, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. □

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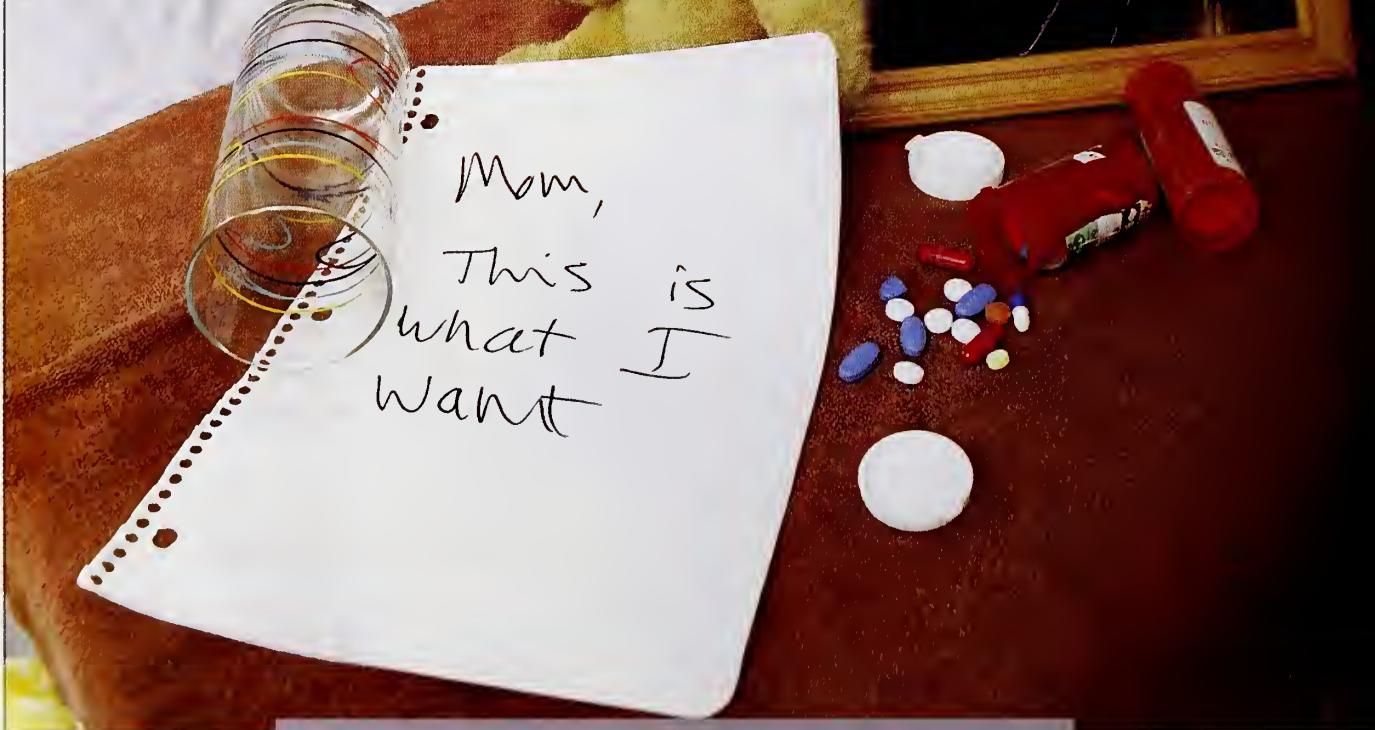
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# CHILDREN IN THE ABYSS

**Why are so  
many American  
teen-agers turning  
to suicide?**



## By Fran McGovern

**S**OMETHING has gone wrong in America. The myth tells us the teen years are some of the best—a happy-go-lucky interlude between childhood and adult responsibilities. The reality for a mounting number of the nation's teens too often is different—and deadlier.

Teens like Jerry M. One morning last May, the 18-year-old Hayfield, Va., secondary school senior revved his motorcycle at the far end of the school's track. Jerry took off his helmet, laid it on the ground, and accelerated one-quarter of a mile until he crashed into a wall. Death was instant, and the brief suicide note found in his helmet left no doubt, "This is what I want."

Across country, in Aslip, Ill., 19-year-old Nancy G. and 17-year-old Karen L. sent a boyfriend away with "Goodbye, goodbye forever." They were laughing, so he paid no mind. The girls wrote bunches of notes, 11 in all, gathered a few prized belongings—a photo album, a stuffed toy—and climbed into a car. The garage door was shut tight, they started the engine, and, hours later, Nancy was found holding the photo album; Karen clutched the stuffed animal and a rose. Both were dead.

Meantime, in sleepy Sheridan, Ark., the town of 3,200 people woke up last spring to find itself in a nightmare. First there was 17-year-old Thomas S. who stood up to address his 11th grade history class. He told a girl he loved her, then put a .22 pistol to his forehead and pulled the trigger. That night, a friend, 19-year-old Thomas C., shot himself in the head with a .45 pistol. The next day, another Sheridan student, Jerry M., ended his life with a single .22 bullet. These deaths followed on the heels of the suicide, a month earlier, of 17-year-old Ronald W., who also had shot himself.

The stories are abrupt, brutal, but they are more than that. They are also victims of a contagious, fast-spreading killer because, as a nation, we are deep into an epidemic of teen-age suicides. Add up the numbers; every day, six teen-agers kill themselves. At least

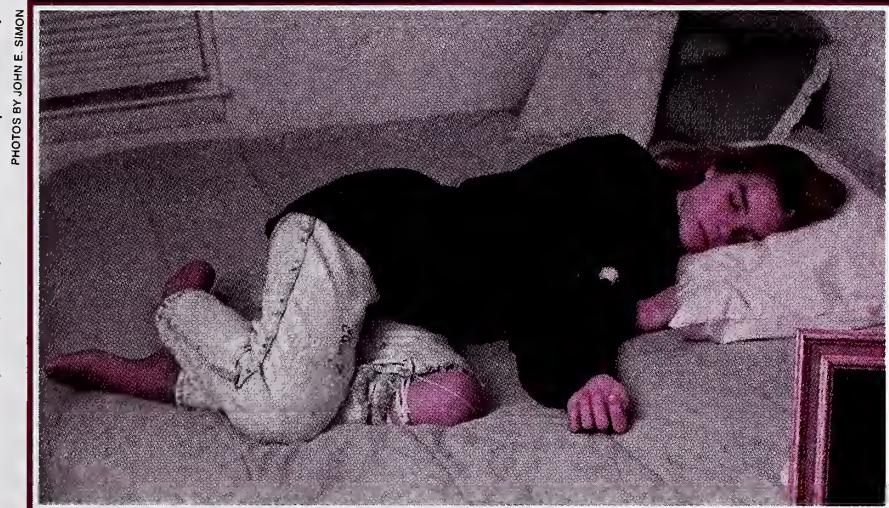
another 60 try. White, middle-class boys are the most susceptible, but rates for white girls are also up.

Black, Hispanic and Asian youngsters are not exempt. Teen-age suicide spares no group. It has tripled in number during the past 40 years until, today, warns Washington, D.C., pediatrician Dr. Lillian Beard. "All teenagers are potential victims."

Underlining Beard's warning is that suicide now ranks as the third most common cause of death among young people, killing more of them than cancer, heart diseases, diabetes, pneumonia and arteriosclerosis combined. A recent survey of teens listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* shows just how widespread the

same concept of death as we do," said Leventhal, "but they have some understanding of what they are attempting."

Fears mount as increasingly, whole towns find themselves swept in an adolescent suicide tidal wave. Before Sheridan, it was Bergenfield, N.J., where four teen-agers locked themselves in a garage and intentionally poisoned themselves with a car's carbon monoxide fumes. In the wake of the New Jersey deaths, there were the Aslip girls and nine more copycat suicides across the country. Earlier in the '80s, teen-age suicide "clusters"—as experts term these outbursts of multiple deaths—occurred in Omaha, Neb.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Westchester County, N.Y.; Jefferson County, Colo.; and



**WARNING SIGNS—Depression is a leading cause of suicide among teen-age girls, experts report. For boys, drug or alcohol abuse is a factor.**

epidemic is. Thirty percent of those top-achieving youngsters confessed to having considered suicide; twice as many, 60 percent, said they knew a teen who had either attempted or succeeded in killing himself.

Worse still, there are signs the suicide epidemic is reaching to seize even younger children: "The youngest child I've seen was 3½; he swallowed a very large dose of medication," reports a Chicago psychiatrist, Dr. Bennett Leventhal, who's gained recognition as an authority on pre-teen suicide. Leventhal's findings are validated by the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which annually logs more than 200 suicides by children 10 to 14 years of age and each year also sees several suicides by children 5 to 9 years of age. "Very young children don't have the

three Texas cities—Plano, Clear Lake and Richardson.

"The number of clusters is increasing," said Columbia University's Dr. Madalyn Gould. She states that while clusters account for just 5 percent of teen suicides, society's worries are aggravated by lack of knowledge about what sets off these fatal fads. "We still don't understand the triggering mechanism," said Gould.

Bad as all this news is, it gets worse: No expert believes the statistics on youth suicide are accurate. "I have no doubt an unknown proportion of suicides are missed yearly, and we're especially likely to be reticent to imagine young people killing themselves," said CDC's Dr. Patrick O'Carroll. "The problem certainly is worse

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# THE STRAIGHT DOPE

EDWIN RENSBURG



**PARENTAL PERILS**—Parkville, Md., parents learn how to avoid losing their children to drugs during a six-week parenting program sponsored by Post 183.

- Parents learn how to fight drug abuse among school children, thanks to Parkville Post 183.

**A**S THE Post with the largest membership in Maryland, Parkville Post 183 cooked up big plans to combat drug abuse among the area's young people. With more than 4,000 members, Post Commander Lee Mundle figured local Legionnaires should develop a unique drug education effort, one which deviated from the usual round of forums and pamphlets.

Mundle returned from the National Convention in Baltimore in 1989 deter-

mined to follow through on the challenge to redouble efforts in devising effective anti-drug programs. Commander Mundle approached Parkville Post member Dick Fisher for help and appointed Post First Vice Commander Jack Milburn chairman of a special committee.

"We knew going around to schools telling horror stories about drugs to kids wasn't working so we tried something else," Mundle said.

Jack Milburn, a Vietnam-era veteran, enjoys a reputation as a member who knows how to get things done. "Lee came to me after the National Convention and asked me to put together a group, which consisted of someone from the legal profession, law enforcement people, some school officials, about 8 to 10 people altogether," recalled Milburn. The first meeting was conducted in October 1989, but a plan didn't materialize until the first of the year.

The initial step involved placing an anti-drug message in the Post newsletter; next, a speaker visited the Post to discuss federal drug interdiction efforts. David C. Miller Jr., a special

assistant to the President, told Legionnaires the government's efforts were a national security priority and asked Post members to join the fight against the tide of mind-numbing and spirit-killing chemicals damaging this country.

A parenting program featuring special training sessions began in February and a health fair featuring information booths and displays by law enforcement agencies and youth groups was scheduled.

The Parenting Program is the Parkville Post's most unique feature. Dick Fisher drew upon his 30 years experience in education to formulate the Parenting Program. Fisher currently works as the Outreach/Prevention Coordinator for the Community Counseling & Research Center in Cockeysville, Md., a United Way Agency providing substance abuse counseling, education and prevention.

"Making it work was the key, and finding out who could help us," said Fisher, who also serves as the Post's Educational Chairman. "There are always people in the Post who are energetic and will pick up the ball and run with it."

Fisher didn't include himself on the roster of energetic Legionnaires. He should have. Fisher spent 18 years as a physical education teacher and coach before becoming a school counselor. His work with the counseling and resource center keeps him in touch with problems facing today's youth. Through his wife, Gretchen, also an educator, Fisher secured a meeting room at a local school big enough to accommodate the 29 parents who signed up for the six-week program. He credits the parents with having the courage to acknowledge their willingness to learn new skills to avoid losing their kids to drugs.

"I know issues today are so profound that parents can't get a handle on them; they're just immense. I have three children, they're grown now, but I know my wife and I made our share of mistakes. If a teacher can admit it's tough to be a parent it shows he understands the perils of parenting in an age of instant gratification and accelerating change."

Each parent paid \$35 to cover costs for the sessions. Couples paid \$40 because organizers didn't have to duplicate materials for the course. The Parkville Legionnaires remitted the registration fees to parents who finished the entire course.

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More than 2 million Americans visit Mount Rushmore annually to view the 'Shrine of Democracy.' It is not unusual for some to cry.

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OCATED across the plains from Rapid City and high in the remote northwest Black Hills of South Dakota, it isn't an easy site to reach. Yet, every year, more than 2 million eager travelers come for a firsthand look at the mammoth faces of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt sculpted from the granite of mighty 6,200-foot Mount Rushmore. Chances are, in 1991 when the site marks a half-century, even more will make what many regard as a pilgrimage to see the presidential faces that would comfortably fit on men 645-feet tall.

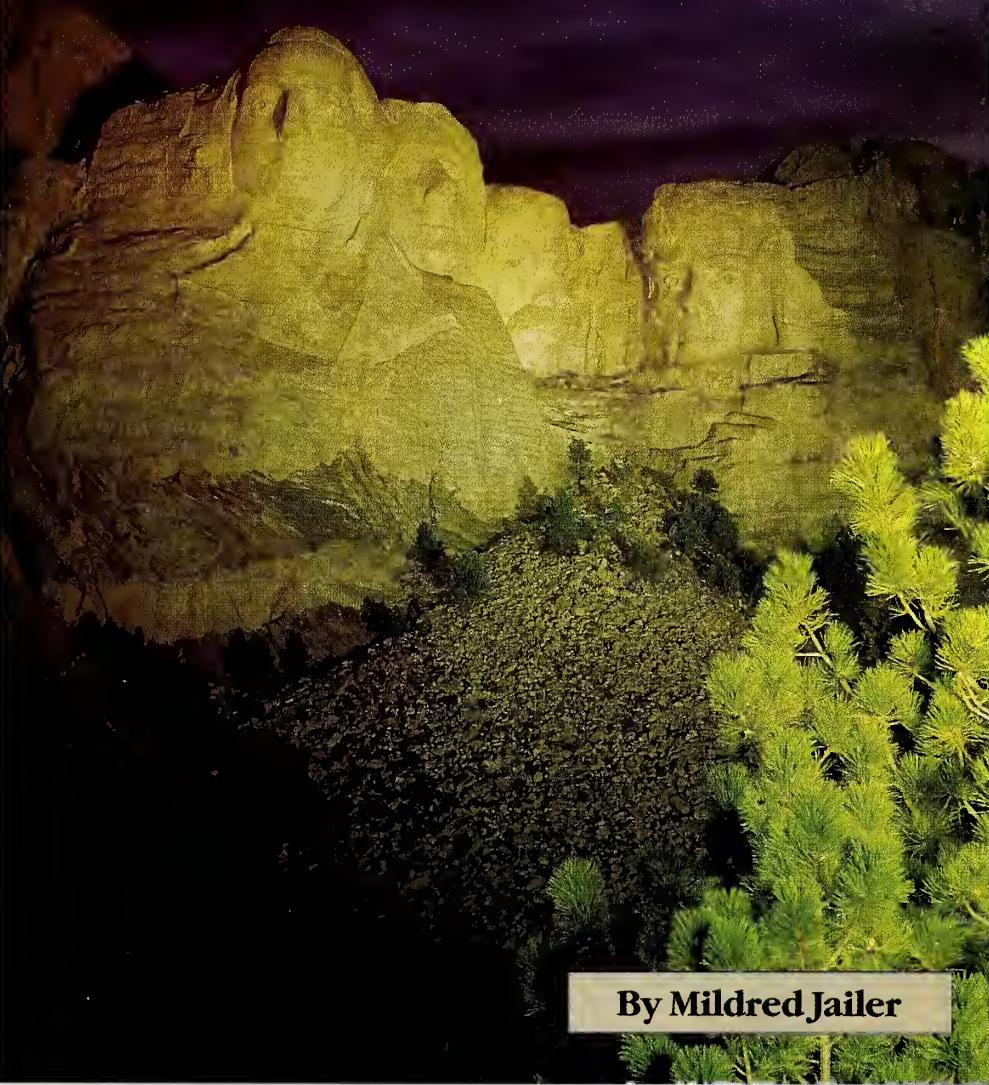
As they view the spectacular sight rising 400 feet, it is not unusual for visitors to cry. It is a profound patriotic experience. In fact, the awesome site—officially The Mount Rushmore National Memorial—is referred to as the "Shrine of Democracy."

The huge Mount Rushmore sculptures were the painstaking and arduous work of more than 360 powdermen, hoist operators, blacksmiths and their

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By Mildred Jailer

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assistants who were paid up to \$1.50 an hour and toiled under supervision of the sculptor. This was in a day when the only access to the mountain was by foot, horseback or horse-drawn wagon over abandoned logging roads. The story of the gargantuan task is, in its way, as compelling as the site itself.

In 1923, Doane Robinson, the state historian of South Dakota, thought of featuring colossal statues of Western heroes—Kit Carson, John Colter, Jim

Bridger—on the granite "Needles" in the Black Hills. When Robinson invited American sculptor Gutzon Borglum to carry out the plan, Borglum was quick to realize the stone spires were too weathered and unstable to be carved.

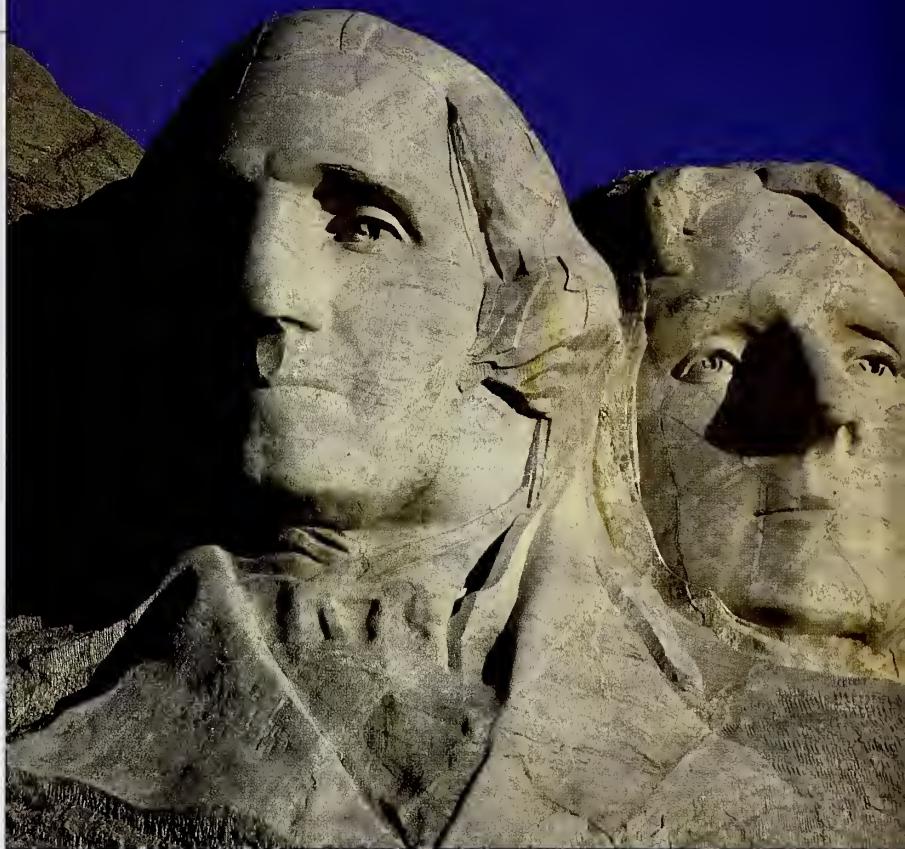
Borglum had his own idea. However romantic and regionally important the Western men might be, they lacked national significance. Instead, why not men who held meaning for every citizen in the country? A few great Americans

immediately started the sculpture list: George Washington, who represented the strength and inspiration of the newly independent nation; Abraham Lincoln, who held the country together during its greatest trial, and Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence.

The practical choice for the project was landscape-dominating Mount Rushmore. Its massive granite cap was large enough and had the appropriate texture to hold gigantic presidential figures. It faced southeast where the sunlight would enhance their aesthetic appeal.

Construction began on Aug. 10, 1927, when President Calvin Coolidge presided at the official dedication and named the site a national memorial. It was only then, after measuring his first model of the sculpture, that Borglum saw there was room for one more President. Theodore Roosevelt had been discussed as a possibility, but President Coolidge made the deciding statement when he mentioned Roosevelt worked to protect the rights of the working man.

Borglum revised his plaster of paris models nine times to ensure the finished sculpture would avoid the deep cracks and fissures that continued to be discovered in the rock. At least one change occurred when Borglum became dissatisfied with Washington's head and



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moved the position. The models were more than illustrative; they were the chief pattern for the project.

In addition to Borglum's models of the sculpture, five-foot models, scaled at one inch to the foot, were made of each figure and hauled onto the mountain-side to serve as guides for the workmen. Of equal importance, measurements of the contours and features on the models were enlarged and transferred to the mountain in a series of defining points that told the workers where and how much rock to blast away. The holes for the dynamite were prepared with jack-hammers or pneumatic drills fitted with star drill bits that ranged from a few inches in length to several feet. Three large compressors, at the base of the mountain, supplied air to power the tools. When sculpting was especially active, it was normal for the on-site blacksmith to sharpen hundreds of drill bits every day.

As work progressed, the drillers and powdermen became so skilled, they could block out a nose to within several inches of the finished surface, shape the lips, grade the contours of the cheeks and round the brows. When the project was completed, 450,000 tons of



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rock had been removed.

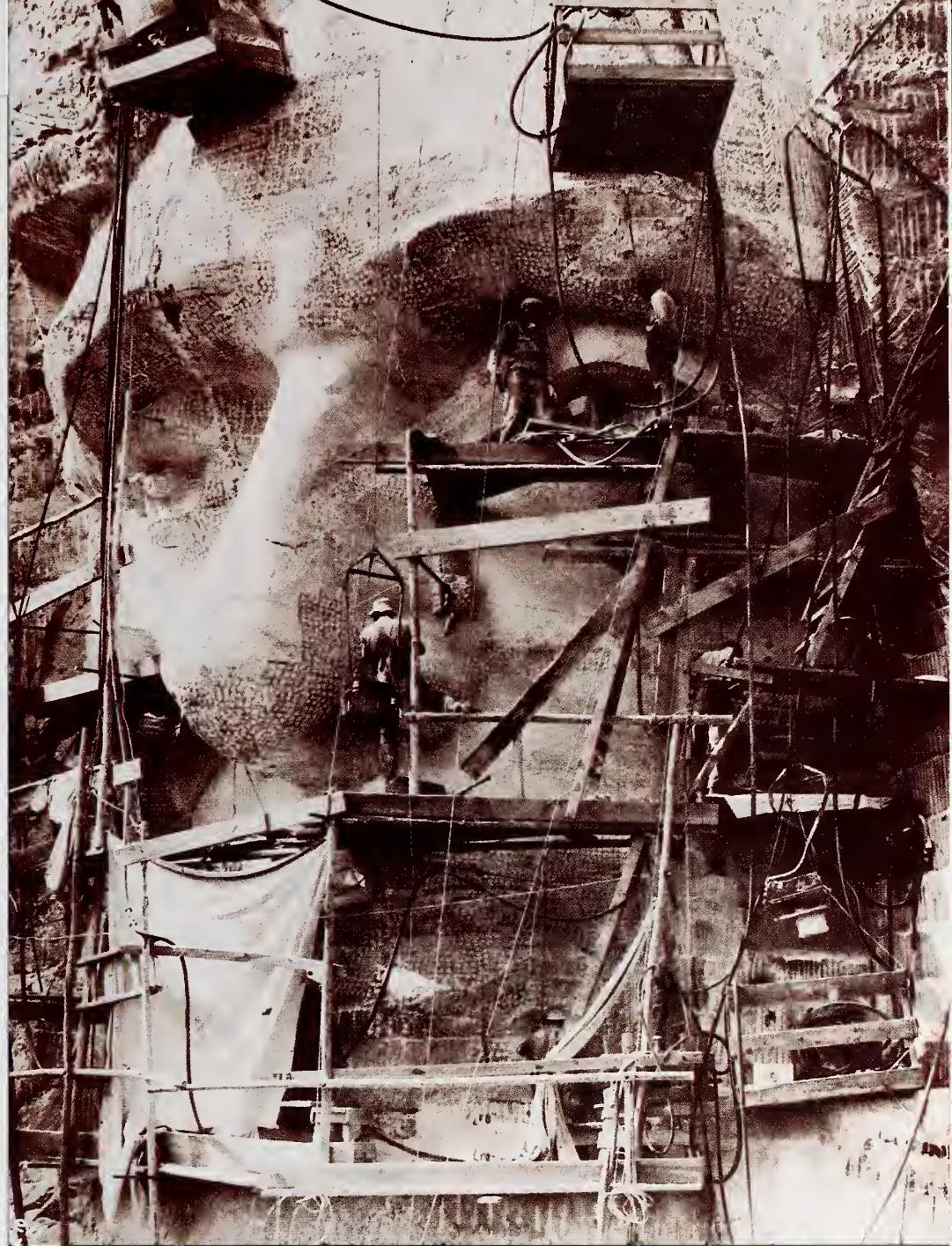
To refine the sculpture, excess rock was wedged off with a hammer or a small drill and a wedging tool. A small air hammer was used for the final smoothing—a process called “bumping.”

During the early phase of the project, the men climbed the mountain on a crude ladder formed of stripped pine trees nailed into crevices with cleats. A small winch, positioned at the top of the ladder, brought cable for the planned tramway from across the valley. Supplies



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**DYNAMITE DOSES**—A worker on the original sculptures prepares dynamite charges to blast away the rock.



**A 14-YEAR FACE JOB**—Using pneumatic drills and dynamite to shape the 60-foot faces on Mount Rushmore, workers in bosun's chairs copied the features from 5-foot models created in plaster of paris by American sculptor Gutzon Borglum.

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were hoisted to the mountain top in a bucket attached to the cable. An 1,800-foot, three-inch pipe was installed beside the ladder to provide air for the jackhammers from the compressors at the base of the mountain. Gradual climbing and lifting improvements were made, but it was eight years before a spacious and sturdy cable car was completed.

Once on the mountainside, the men worked on scaffolds and in bosun chairs, cages and swing seats sus-

pended from the mountain top. Weather conditions were often punishing, ranging from beating heat to strong winds and below-zero temperatures. When the weather became too severe, sheds on the mountain top, also used for storing tools, provided temporary shelter.

In 1930, about 2,500 people who, by then, were able to make the slow and tortuous trip by automobile, arrived to see the face of George Washington that had reached a rough resemblance of the first President. The occasion, a prelimi-

nary dedication with President Herbert Hoover in attendance, served as a signal for a continuing stream of travelers to come to watch the intricate carving job in progress.

The presidential grouping was completed in 1941, 14 years since the day construction began. Six-and-a-half years were spent in carving. Bad weather caused some of the delays, but lack of money was the chief cause. At first, the project was supported by private dona-

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# WHITE HOUSE WORDSMITH

*As presidential speech writer for Reagan and Bush, journalist Peggy Noonan's challenge was not so much determining what they wanted to say, but how they wanted to say it.*

**A** THOUSAND points of light . . . a kinder, gentler nation . . . all I can say to them is read my lips . . . Americans identify those words with President George Bush and also would recall memorable phrases uttered by his predecessor, Ronald Reagan. In the mid 1980s, journalist Peggy Noonan traded her press credentials to become a speechwriter in the Reagan White House, and later for Bush. "Speeches are a thing of great power and great delicacy," said Noonan, who now is a visiting editor for the *Wall Street Journal* and writes for *Mirabella* magazine. "A speech reminds us that words, like children, have the power to make the dullest beanbag of a heart dance." Noonan, author of the best seller *What I Saw at the Revolution*, recently was interviewed by Robin Musiol for this magazine, and she discussed what it was like to be wordsmith for both Presidents.

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**QUOTABLE**—As Bush's speech writer, Noonan authored "a kinder, gentler nation."

**American Legion Magazine:** What were some of the difficulties in writing speeches for Reagan and Bush?

**Peggy Noonan:** It is hard to write for Presidents in a bureaucracy, and all Presidents are at the top of a bureaucracy. Many people try to change a President's words and opinions before he even gets the speech.

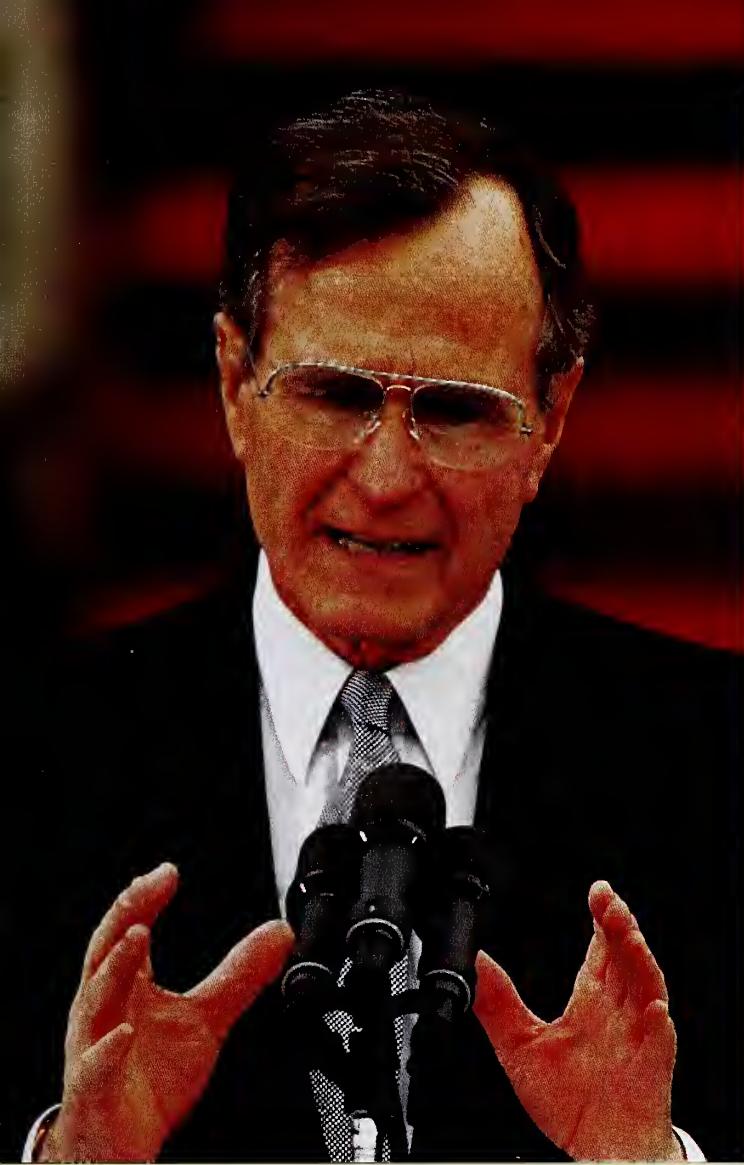
**Q.** Some say President Bush seems non-committal in making major decisions; he seems to play it safe. Did you find that to be true?

**A.** I think Bush sees himself less guided by ideology than Reagan. I think he would feel that he takes things more on a case-by-case basis. Like Reagan, Bush can make a decision and stand by it firmly. And I think he has already demonstrated that. But it is probably true that he will sometimes make a decision as

late in the game as possible, sometimes for strategic reasons.

Reagan liked sharply declarative speeches—to be very clear and very blunt. I think Bush sees the benefit of a certain amount of vagueness. Bush often confuses his enemies, confounding them with kindness. He refuses to throw down the gauntlet. But I think this is a matter of strategy rather than temperament. It's the way he operates. Don't engender controversy or arouse hostility until you are forced.

**Q.** What did you mean by the phrase, "1,000 points of light," which you composed for President Bush's acceptance speech delivered at the 1988 Republican National Convention?



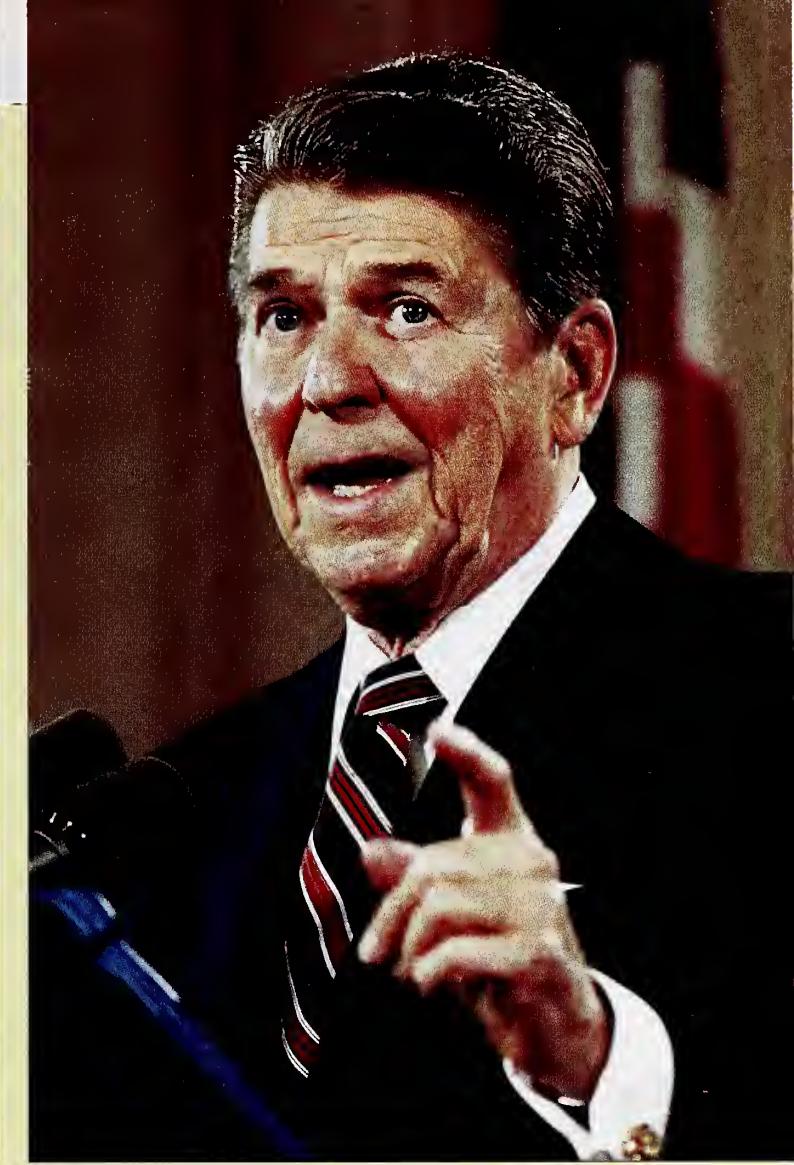
**BUSH** sees the benefit of a certain amount of vagueness, so he often confuses his enemies.

**A.** No one knew what an impact "a 1,000 points of light" would have. It became Bush's shorthand way of referring to the network of helping organizations throughout the country, and it became in some circles the object of derision, or at least good-natured spoofing.

It was my favorite phrase in the speech because its power is born of the fact that it sounds like what it is describing: an expanse of separate yet connected entities sprinkled across a broad and peaceful sky, which is America, the stretched continent. Why stars for communities? I don't know. It was right. Why a thousand? I don't know. A thousand clowns; a thousand days; a hundred wasn't enough and a million is too many.

**Q.** Is there anything else that people should know about George Bush?

**A.** Like many of our older veterans, Bush fought a great and long war, World War II, in his youth. Those were the formative years of his manhood, and I have always thought that what he experienced in the war had a lot to do with what he became as a person and the forming of his world views.



**REAGAN** liked sharply declarative speeches to be very clear and very blunt.

It always seems to me that the mid-level guys in a war are the last guys who will get out of that war and say, "Hey, let's have another war." Maybe generals do. Maybe people who didn't fight the war but read about it in newspapers do. But young kids who fight that war are not eager to ever see that again in their lifetime, and I think that is a very major part of George Bush.

**Q.** What was your most meaningful moment with President Reagan?

**A.** I suppose working with him on his farewell address and talking with him about what he wanted in his speech. That was in 1988. That was very exciting and it was fun.

**Q.** Did he offer information readily?

**A.** Sometimes it was like pulling teeth to get him to reflect. It's interesting, though, that he told me small things. I heard from someone else about a recurring dream that he had as an adult: He was looking for a house that is available at a price he can afford. That was his subconscious saying, "You know the presidency is there for you if you want it

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# A YEN FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION

*Some higher-education pundits say that loopholes in accreditation standards and varying state laws have allowed Japan to buy our colleges.*

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**By Hal Smith**

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**A**BOUT two years ago, Salem College was in debt and its prospects for survival looked bleak in the Appalachian foothills of West Virginia.

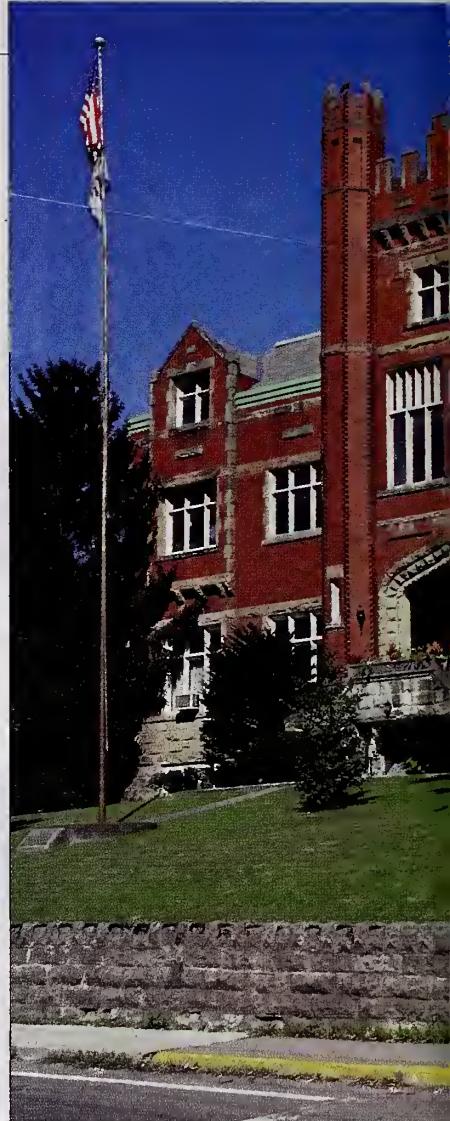
"We had bad credit," a student leader recalled. "Whenever students went anywhere to purchase something for a school function, once they said they were from Salem, that was it."

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*Hal Smith, who resides in Windsor, N.Y., has written for several national publications. This is his first article for this magazine.*

Then an unexpected benefactor began pumping millions of dollars into the college, wiping out \$5 million in debt, raising faculty salaries 27 percent and refurbishing the facilities. But there was a long string attached, stretching all the way to Japan.

In exchange for its revitalization, Salem College agreed to a merger—although some see it as a takeover—with Teikyo University, which wanted an American branch. Were this an isolated event, it would be nothing more than a footnote in Japanese-American relations. But Teikyo has merged with at least two other small American colleges, and other Japanese institutions have worked out deals with colleges in Oregon, Oklahoma and Colorado. During the past decade about 120 Japanese education groups have expressed interest in starting new ventures overseas, some of which involve mergers or outright purchases of American colleges. The early takeovers are the first fruit of a wide-ranging effort by some Japanese to get control of small American colleges, usually with the intention of making money on their investments. In their recent study, *Profiting from Education*, Gail Chambers, an education consultant, and William



**SAMURAI U?**—West Virginia's Salem College merger with Japan's Teikyo University solved funding problems.

Cummings of Harvard say loopholes in accreditation standards and the patchwork of state education regulations are allowing some Japanese to make money by controlling American colleges.

## Scope of the Invasion

"Virtually all private college presidents in the United States have received an invitation to sell control of their institutions for varying prices. Most have chuckled, some have been offended, and some have found a pursueable opportunity," said Chambers and Cummings.

"Every private-college president [in California] has been contacted at least once by somebody" with offers from prospective Japanese buyers, said Ralph Wolff, an associate director of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.



**TIME OUT**—Many Japanese students have found the transition to U.S. colleges smoother than some had speculated.



Japanese moves into American higher education take many forms. In one model, the Japanese buy an interest in a college and bring in their students and faculty; as at Salem College, the American students may not attend classes with the Japanese but otherwise share campus life. In another model, the Japanese buy real estate next to an American campus and depend heavily on the facilities of the host institution. Some Japanese educators simply are starting programs in the United States with no American partners.

Gaining control of an existing small college is a relatively new development. The more traditional way of gaining access to American education is to seek admission as a foreign student through routine application procedures. In other words, the students, not institutions, go abroad. The Japanese are also taking that route in sharply higher numbers. Why this thirst for American education?

Americans initiated the wave of over-

seas ventures. According to Chambers and Cummings, since 1980 more than 100 American universities have sent teams to Japan to investigate the possibility of setting up branches there. The

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Japanese have followed our example for a variety of reasons.

- Some Japanese are seeking a marketing advantage in competing *in Japan* for a declining pool of students. Just as American education institutions face enrollment shortfalls as the baby boomers age, the Japanese expect an even more drastic decline—a 25 percent drop in the number of 18-year-olds from 1993 to 2000.

The weakest institutions expect to be hardest hit and, therefore, are searching for a competitive edge to attract students. Indeed, early reports indicate that having a direct line to an American college does give Japanese schools an edge. After establishing a program in the United States, applications for admission to Asia University jumped nearly 50 percent (from 15,000 to 22,000), with application fees generating an additional \$1 million per year. This enables the university to be more selective in its student admissions, which is one of the surest

ways to enhance the university's reputation over the long term.

- It is abundantly clear that international skills will become increasingly necessary to compete in the global economy. In Japan, where trade is necessary for survival, internationalism is very popular in educational circles. And it is genuinely acknowledged by the Japanese that their students, who study English in junior high school, are far better at reading and writing it than speaking it. Spending a year or two in America is expected to sharpen the students' ability to speak English.

- As the yen has appreciated relative to other currencies, investment in overseas enterprises—including American colleges—has become more attractive. Also, the Japanese appear more willing than Americans to make long-term investments in research and education.

Meanwhile, shifts in the U.S. economy and the relentless search by

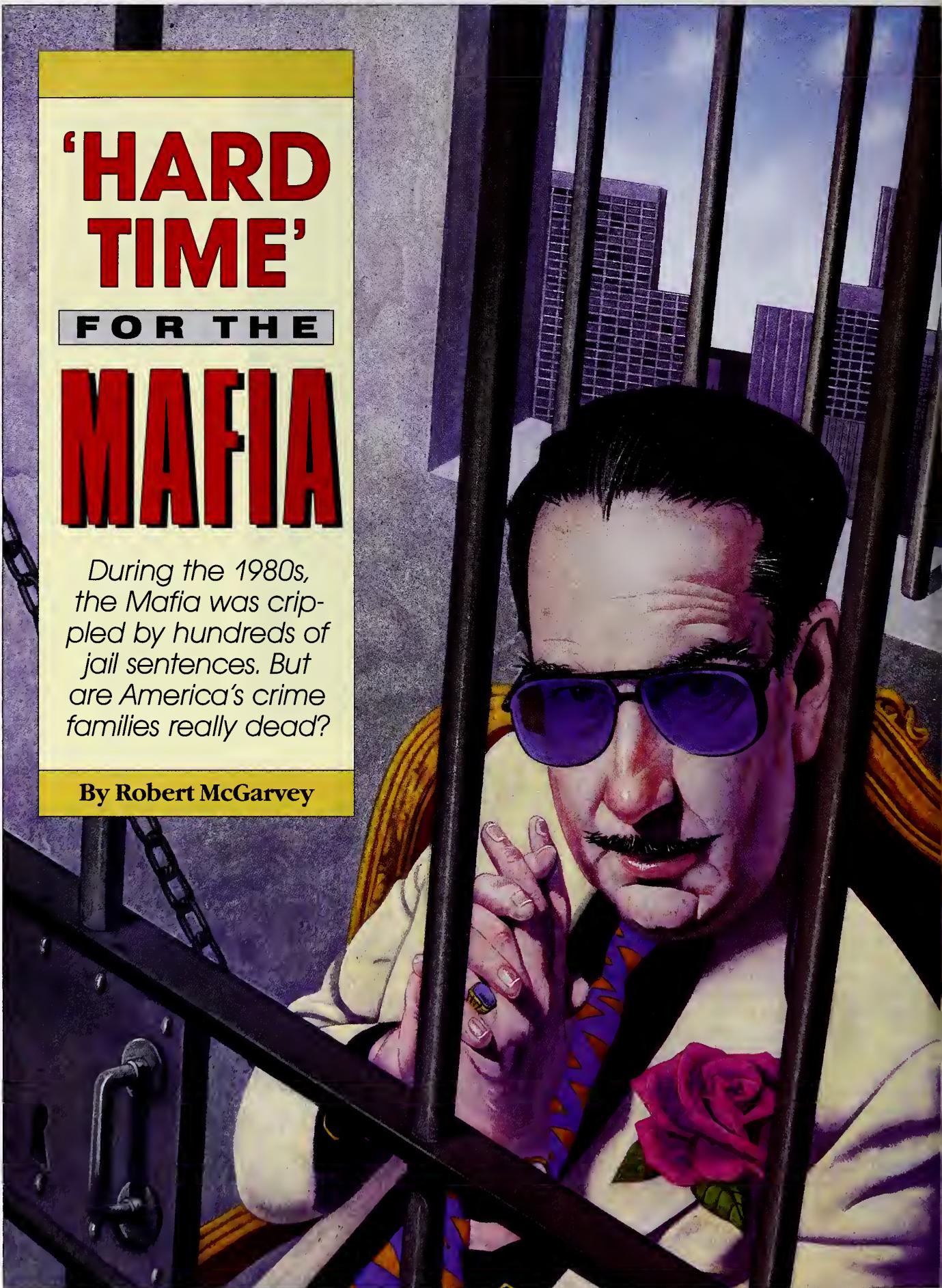
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# 'HARD TIME' FOR THE **MAFIA**

*During the 1980s, the Mafia was crippled by hundreds of jail sentences. But are America's crime families really dead?*

By Robert McGarvey

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**A**CROSS the nation, the Mafia is on the run. Fourteen of its top bosses are serving long jail sentences and in many cities—from Las Vegas to Denver to Milwaukee and Cleveland—once powerful Mafia “families” virtually have vanished. More than 1,000 Mafiosi were sent to jail during the '80s. Mafia specialist G. Robert Blakey, a law professor at Notre Dame, said, “This is the twilight of the mob.”

Don't applaud just yet, however. Although recent major successes have been scored against the Mafia, this is nothing new. Sixty years ago, after “The Untouchables” jailed Al Capone, the Mafia was pronounced dead. Later, there were the Kefauver investigations of the '50s, the McClellan hearings of the '60s, and in the '70s there were wholesale prosecutions of corrupt unions. Each time, scores of gangsters were jailed.

“The thing that frustrates people,” said Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, “is that no matter how many people you put in jail, the organization seems to go on.”

John Gotti, reputed head of the New York-based Gambino crime family, would second that sentiment. In 1986, a government “bug” overheard him telling an associate: “The law's gonna be tough with us. If they don't put us away for one year or two—that's all we need. But if I can get a year run without being interrupted...gonna put this thing together where they would never break it, never destroy it.” Gotti received his “year run” and more. Five years after making that prediction, and despite multiple arrests, he continues to evade conviction.

Even so, Howard Abadinsky, founder of the International Association for the Study of Organized Crime, insists today is different. “The Mafia really is dying,” he said. “The signs are everywhere.”

Are he and Blakey right? Or is Gotti? The answer matters. While Hollywood movies frequently romanticize the Mafia as little more than a fraternal brotherhood with a little illegal gambling on the side, the truth is far darker. In addition to well-known involvements in illicit activities, from child pornography to loan sharking, the Mafia and its estimated 2,000 “made”



**PRISON BOUND**—Salvatore Catalano (second from r) and Gaetano Badalamenti (r) were defendants in the 1985 “Pizza Connection” trial in which a dozen members of the Bonnanno family were convicted of smuggling heroin.

members also have tentacles in legitimate businesses, from trash hauling to restaurants to clothing manufacturing. Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates, in a minutely documented 1986 report to the President, vividly showed how the Mafia hurts everyone. Its vast criminal enterprises stifle competition, cost the economy 400,000 jobs, increase consumer prices 0.3 percent, and decrease per capita income \$77 annually. In New York City, for example, Mafia domination of concrete companies has meant that bids were rigged on any sizable construction project. When the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center was built in Manhattan, engineers projected concrete costs at \$18 million, but when the contract was awarded it went at \$30.3 million. Citywide, the FBI estimated the impact of Mafia manipulation of concrete bids at \$40 million per year in bloated construction costs. Add it up, said the FBI, and organized crime annually rakes in around \$100 billion and the Mafia takes the lion's share.

These are the stakes in the war against the Mafia—but there are indications that law enforcement, not the boastful Gotti, is right. “Wherever you look, the mob is dead or dying,” said Blakey. Nationwide surveys agree:

• In Los Angeles, the organization is so enfeebled—with seven top members jailed in '88 and nobody stepping into that void—the southern California mob

now is mockingly called “the Mickey Mouse Mafia.”

• In Boston last spring, investigators arrested 15 Mafiosi including boss Raymond Patriarca Jr. Included in the voluminous evidence was a first-time electronic eavesdropping on a Mafia induction ceremony in which four newly enrolled members burned holy cards bearing a saint's likeness while swearing: “As burns this saint, so will

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**DEAD RECKONING**—The Mafia was pronounced dead 60 years ago when Al Capone was jailed.



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# ACLU

## Savior Or Subversive?

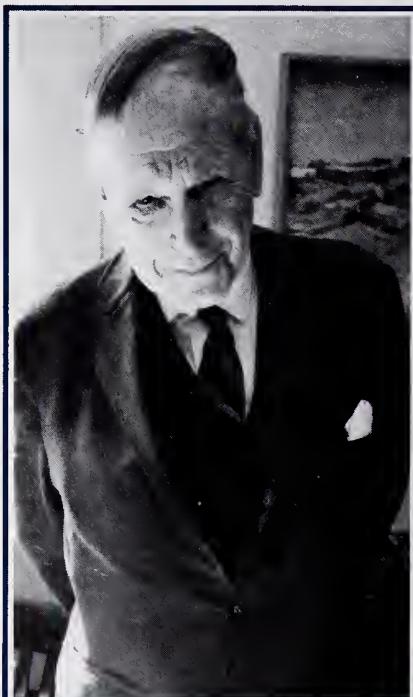
By Steve Salerno

**P**ERHAPS no organization outside the federal government has provoked as much angry debate in the past 20 years as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Champion of individual rights, the ACLU is either loved or hated. Some see it as a necessary advocate of the downtrodden and disenfranchised; others consider it a subversive force that, given its way, would undermine all that is good and wholesome about America.

The ACLU was formed in 1920 by social activist Roger Baldwin, who remained at the helm for 30 years. Baldwin's original goals were to help workers unionize, prevent the deportation of aliens and win the release of pacifists who opposed U.S. involvement in World War I. Almost immediately, Baldwin's organization was involved in a spate of high-profile cases. In the historic Scopes Monkey Trial in 1925, the ACLU supported lawyer Clarence Darrow's bid to vindicate a teacher prosecuted for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. Five years later, the ACLU successfully argued for the inclusion of James Joyce's classic but controversial book,

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**LIBERTARIAN** — Roger Baldwin founded the ACLU to help workers unionize and protect pacifists.

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*Ulysses*, in public libraries. The organization also protested the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, and did much of the legal legwork in the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* case in 1954, paving the way for school desegregation. In the '60s and '70s, the ACLU gained notoriety for its opposition of government surveillance of political dissidents.

Historically, the ACLU has been at its best when helping "the little guy" fight city hall. In 1974, ACLU attorneys took on Edgefield County, S.C., charging that local voting districts were intentionally drawn to prevent blacks from voting as a block, thereby minimizing minority impact in elections. Ten years and \$250,000 dollars later, the ACLU prevailed before the U.S. Supreme Court. Blacks promptly won three of five seats on the Edgefield County legislature. Similarly, the ACLU was instrumental in a 1986 Supreme Court decision giving civil rights attorneys more latitude in challenging local laws apparently designed to bar blacks from the political process.

Overall, the ACLU handles more civil rights cases than any other organization in the South, and more sex discrimination cases than *any* organization. Only the U.S. Department of Justice brings a greater number of actions before the Supreme Court. With a \$15 million annual budget, 270,000 members and a full-time legal staff of 70, the ACLU is one of Washington's most powerful lobbies.

Nonpolitical in ideology, the ACLU has defended a highly improbable mix

**CAUSE CELEBRE—The ACLU supported Clarence Darrow and the defense in the Scopes Monkey Trial.**

of clients, including George Wallace and black activists, neo-Nazis and Oliver North. Further, the organization has simultaneously argued cases that seemed contradictory in nature: for example, for abortion rights but against capital punishment. ACLU President Norman Dorsen explains such enigmas by saying, "our only real client is the Bill of Rights."

Such was the logic behind ACLU's recent opposition to a constitutional amendment against flag burning. "We were terrified by the prospect of what amounts to an amendment to the First Amendment," said Dorsen. "Once you do that, you can just keep on adding other amendments that qualify and limit the right of free speech, until the First Amendment becomes meaningless."

Generally, said Dorsen, the ACLU believes individuals' right of free expression surpasses society's right to punish those who choose to express themselves in an offensive manner. One recent case that came briefly to national prominence involved the Detroit Tigers baseball club's attempts to clamp down on so-called "bleacher creatures," fans whose obscenities and assorted antics were making life miserable for other spectators, ballpark vendors and some-



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times even ballplayers. The ACLU sided with the unruly fans, citing their constitutional right of self-expression.

The Tigers case epitomizes the logic for which growing numbers of observers, including President George Bush, have taken the ACLU to task. Because ACLU's position is, in a sense, amoral—the organization gives no weight to the inherent worth or ethical underpinnings of its client's activities—the ACLU often finds itself in league with the seamy underside of

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**A**CLU cases seem contradictory. It is pro abortion rights, but against capital punishment.



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**LANDMARK DECISIONS**—Mindy McNichols (l), Florida Chapter of NOW; Scott Trell, Planned Parenthood; and Robyn Blumner, ACLU, discuss the Florida Supreme Court's overturning of the parental abortion consent law in 1989. Barry Lynn, ACLU's counsel (r) blasts the 1986 Meese pornography commission for a misguided "national crusade against dirty pictures."



**A**lthough the President's proposed 1992 VA budget provides record funding for the department with an increase of \$972 million in the medical care budget over the 1991 budget, most of the proposed increase will be used for salary increases and inflation. However, the funds the President requested fall short of American Legion VA budget requests for 1992.

"The 1991 and 1992 VA budgets were increased," said National Commander Robert S. Turner. "But greater increases will have to be seen during the next several years to compensate for VA's underbudgeting during the '80s."

In the President's proposed 1992 budget, he requested Congress approve \$33.2 billion for VA, which includes \$17 billion for benefit programs, \$13.4 billion for medical care programs, and \$654 million for medical facility construction.

The benefit program budget provides \$11.8 billion in compensation for more than 2 million veterans with service-connected disabilities and families of veterans whose deaths were service connected. The budget proposal increases the Montgomery GI Bill from \$272.1 million to \$369.1 million, and education assistance for the Selected Reserves will increase by \$6.4 million to \$102.2 million.

However, the budget does not include any costs associated with Operation Desert Storm. According to VA Secretary Edward Derwinski, additional appropriations needed because of Operation Desert Storm will be included in a supplemental appropriations request by the Secretary of Defense.

At press time, Legion officials in Washington, D.C., were preparing to present the Legion's stance on the proposed budget.

**O**n Feb. 6, President Bush signed P.L. 102-4 ending more than a decade of frustration for many Vietnam veterans. The bill confirms what VA Secretary Edward Derwinski has already recognized: There is a link between Agent Orange and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and soft tissue sarcoma. The new law makes these specific diseases permanent additions to the list of disabilities assigned to Vietnam veterans.

The bill also includes legislation calling for an attempt to resolve the continuing debate over Agent Orange by replacing the original Reagan advisory committee with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). The NAS solution is not ideal, because the NAS was the scientific body that gave credence to the Center for Disease Control's flawed study model.

"It is better than no action at all, and it may be the best we can get," said John Hanson, Director of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) for The American Legion. "We will be monitoring the NAS very closely. The American Legion has been very active with this bill."

Richard Christian Jr., deputy VA&R director and an expert on Agent Orange, worked on the compromise with congressional committees, outlining flaws in the proposal and battling for changes. According to Christian, the new bill fails

to address the problems connected to Agent Orange, such as certain neurological disorders and birth defects. The legislation also calls for veterans who believe themselves to have been exposed to Agent Orange to submit to blood tests.

"At this time, these tests may not be valid," Christian said. "We don't know enough about dioxin; such as how long and what effect it has on tissues or its half-life. Without this information, blood testing should not be used as the final determination for Agent Orange contamination."

As NAS investigates the various maladies linked with Agent Orange, it will pass its findings on to Derwinski, who will have 60 days to decide whether or not each individual disease is linked to the herbicide and whether or not it should be considered service connected and added to the disability-eligible list. Those diseases already approved will allow veterans to receive permanent disability ratings and benefits. The benefits will be available to veterans' survivors as well.

**S**ome media have incorrectly reported that military honors for war dead from Operation Desert Storm have been halted. The war dead from Operation Desert Storm will be accorded the same honors given to Vietnam War, Korean War and WWII war dead.

The mis-reporting in some media may have resulted because Dover AFB, where war dead return from the Middle East, no longer conducts arrival ceremonies, which have been conducted on other occasions but are not part of traditional military services. The current ceremonies include an escort officer in Service Dress Uniform posted at the aircraft during off-loading U.S. service members' remains, and traditional grave-side military honors are still available for selection by next of kin.

In addition, those serving in Operation Desert Storm are eligible to be buried in national cemeteries at no cost for burial or perpetual care of the grave. Also, eligible for burial in national cemeteries are the service person's spouse and children under age 21, or 23 if in school. A graveliner will be provided at no cost, and families of U.S. troops will be presented a folded flag. Headstones may also be provided by the government at no cost.

For more information, call the nearest national cemetery or the National Cemetery System headquarters, 1-202-233-5221.

**A**fter being unanimously passed by the House and Senate, President Bush signed P.L. 102-3, which provides a 5.4 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in the monthly rates of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC).

The COLA affects more than 2 million veterans with service-connected disabilities and families of veterans whose deaths were service connected. The rate became effective Jan. 1 and will be included in the recipients' April 1 benefits checks.

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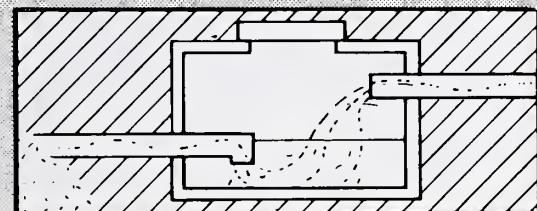
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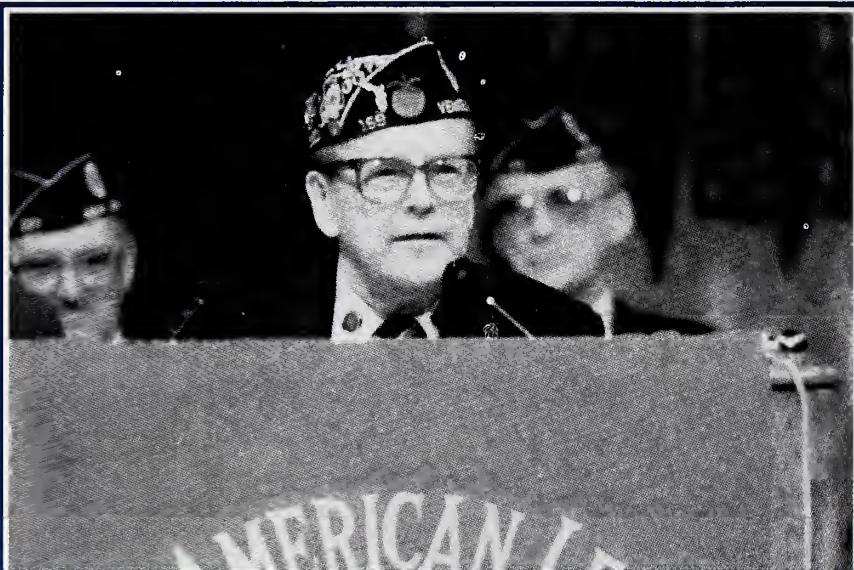
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# FOOT WORK AND ELBOW GREASE

*There is no magical solution, says the Legion's top recruiter for 1989-90. 'It's a lot of hard work. And it's a lot of telephone calls.'*



**THE BEST**—John "Jack" Koval addresses the National Convention in Indianapolis last summer after being honored as the top recruiter.

**Y**EAR after year, Legionnaires who recruit new members to the organization share a common trait: They rack up their impressive numbers through a combination of hustle, bustle and elbow grease.

For instance, consider John J. "Jack" Koval of Post 159, Venice, Fla., who enjoyed an all-expenses-paid trip to the 72nd annual American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis last summer for earning top recruiter honors in the nation during 1989-90. Koval, 75, lives in an area containing a high concentration of retirees, though his approach to recruiting is anything but laid back.

"I put more hours in The American Legion than I did my job," Koval said,

recalling his years in business management. "Mostly, I can say it was just a lot of hard work. It was a lot of telephone calls." Abundant energy and enthusiasm are common traits among the most successful recruiters, along with a determination not to allow any opportunity pass to convince a veteran to join. Koval remembers many long days cheerleading his No. 1 cause.

"The one thing I stressed was that I spent a lot of time at the Legion working to promote the Post to prospective members," he said. Koval believes the 2,500 members of Post 159 take such an active interest in the Legion because they have the time. He estimates 75 percent of the membership comprise retirement-age veterans. Roughly 600 new members have joined the Post in the past three years, a tribute to what Koval points to as the Post's

mix of attractions: an impressive building, plenty of social activities like dinner and dancing; a continuing commitment to the program and service areas. This keeps Post 159 vital and strong.

A check of the top recruiting Posts among the Legion's 58 Departments turns up several common denominators separating an average recruiting Post from an outstanding one. First of all, most recruiters who earn distinction have previously held leadership positions, either in Legion circles or their business. Another top recruiter last year was Floridian Joseph H. Dixon of Post 110, Port Charlotte. Dixon, 69, a U.S. Navy veteran and retired J.C. Penney Co. executive, said with much help from his Post and putting a premium on enthusiasm he helped boost Post 110 membership to the front ranks of the state.

"I'm always motivated by a challenge," said Dixon. "With J.C. Penney, I had a background of getting things done." For Dixon, signing up new members was like another day at the office. "I was at the Post every day of the week, except Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. That's what you have to do. I'd say I signed up two a day—sometimes, four a day." Dixon served as Post Adjutant during the 1989-90 membership year when he was credited with signing 181 members. His efforts made Post 110 the most populous in the state, with more than 3,000 members.

Successful recruiters all say the direct approach makes the most impact upon those men and women considering membership in The American Legion. Some join because friends or relatives belong; others hear about the Legion's mission through word-of-mouth or through one of dozens of brochures, pamphlets and special publications the Legion produces. All recruiters interviewed agree the most successful means to make a "sale" to a prospect is to know your product, believe in that product and take the time to add a personal touch when explaining what the Legion offers. Most veterans know The American Legion plays an important role advocating veterans' rights, but recruiters say they continually are surprised at the reactions they get from veterans when they explain the Legion's scope and interests.

The search for members leads recruiters to spend a lot of their time

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**M**ost veterans are unaware of the Legion's many programs and involvement in communities.

staying in touch with their Posts, attending meetings, inviting potential members to drop by or encouraging current members to bring a friend to the next meeting. Marine Corps veteran Jack Koval said he always brings plenty of brochures and other Legion literature on meeting nights in case someone who dropped by wants to check things out and think it over before deciding to take the plunge.

One of the year's most successful recruiters, Dot McGee of Post 3, Roanoke, Va., said she prefers the direct approach. Virginia's top recruiter last year didn't bother about follow-up contacts, figuring if she couldn't connect with a prospect the first time it wasn't going to happen. "I either got them right there, the first time, or I didn't," she said. She searched out potential members in VA hospitals, and found police and fire stations fertile recruiting grounds where the ranks contained veterans eligible for membership.

In tandem with the Legion's community-oriented series of programs—Legion Baseball, Oratorical Contest, Boys State, Special Olympics, scouting, among others—McGee points to an active Post social calendar that keeps the interest of present members and draws new ones. Post 3 hosts a biannual all-you-can-eat "Paul Bunyon Breakfast" for members and their spouses; and their Christmas party is one of the highlights of the year.

McGee, 67, fits the profile of an active membership chairman who became a topnotch recruiter thanks in part to her taking on the challenges of Post officer. She served a stint as Post Vice Commander, is in her second year as Post Historian and also took on an appointment as Assistant Adjutant. For go-getters like McGee, no opportunity

passes for her to add to her Post's strength. Asking others to join becomes routine.

"You just let it become a natural question," McGee said. "You ask everybody you meet if they're a veteran. If they say, 'yes,' you ask them if they're eligible, and if so, then you start your sale." The 200 members she has been credited with signing serves as ample testimony to her technique.

Drawing on all available resources represents one more mark of a successful membership recruiter, who points to members of "at-large" Posts in their Departments as prime prospects to enhance local Post growth. In Florida, Department officials supplied anyone who asked, Koval and Dixon among them, with names of veterans in their areas, listed by ZIP code.

Joe Dixon of Post 110 in Port Charlotte credits then-Post Commander Alex McGregor for an innovative idea to keep members once they're signed. The Post promotes an "early bird" membership drive offering \$10 off the regular membership rate for both new and current members, though Dixon adds that many of those who rejoined sign up at the reduced rate and then contribute the spare \$10 to the Post building fund or other worthy causes.

Also, a "pony express" shuttle service boosts membership retention efforts. The express involves telephoning members around renewal time, reminding them it's dues time while asking directions to their home, then dispatching motorized teams to collect dues and drop off the members' new cards. To maintain interest in Post functions, Dixon organized another new attraction, a special cruise for members and their spouses; he even helped put on an amateur night competition at the Post. The key is to keep moving by giving 100 percent.

In recent years more veterans have been attracted to The American Legion for its forward stance in fighting to compensate victims of Agent Orange. More recently, the group's fight in promoting a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration has produced new members and public goodwill from citizens joining The American Legion Citizens Flag Honor Guard. A continuing commitment to the nation's veterans will keep the ranks growing as The American Legion approaches challenges of a new century. □

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# CAMP AMERICAN LEGION

**T**HE dewy-fresh northern Wisconsin air is laden with morning fog as Frank Cetin opens his tackle box, then checks his rod and reel. He patiently threads a wiggling night crawler on his hook. Cetin cocks an eyebrow and watches the ripples of a splash spread and fade into the clear blue lake water. He slips the bait in the water, and another quiet day of walleye and muskie fishing begins for Frank Cetin, a WWII Army veteran and patient at the Department of Wisconsin's Camp American Legion.

Since 1925, more than 15,000 veterans like Cetin, who first attended the camp in 1949 to recover from throat surgery, have rested, relaxed and recuperated at the camp in Wisconsin's big lakes region.

"The scenic surroundings offer veterans a chance to get the rehabilitation or rest they need," said Daniel Liotta, camp director for the past five years. "Because of the veterans' interaction with the staff and other patients, we've seen vast improvements from when they come to when they leave."

Three miles from the village of Lake Tomahawk and 20 miles northwest of Rhinelander in Oneida County, Camp American Legion is nestled in the 38,000 acres of The American Legion State Forest. The camp provides rehabilitation, convalescent care and many recreational activities free to honorably discharged Wisconsin veter-

*With the beauty of Wisconsin's big lakes region as a backdrop, Wisconsin veterans can fish, boat, rest and recuperate.*



**EQUAL ACCESS**—The camp can accommodate veterans with a variety of disabilities. The camp also has a doctor and nurse.

ans. Although mainly WWII veterans go to the camp, veterans of any war era may attend, and membership in The American Legion is not required. Veterans can stay up to 10 days, and longer stays may be allowed if deemed beneficial to recovery. The camp costs patients nothing, but they must furnish their own transportation. However, a round trip bus ticket from most parts of the state usually costs no more than

\$50, and camp staff provide rides from the Lake Tomahawk bus station to the camp and back.

During its 65 years, the camp has furnished more than 200,000 patient days of convalescent care and offers facilities to continue some VA care and rehabilitation. A doctor and nurse are on call, and each day a certified corrective therapist is on duty. The camp accommodates veterans who have a variety of disabilities and special dietary needs. The camp houses about 60 veterans at one time, and each summer more than 300 veterans attend the camp, which is open from Memorial Day to mid-September.

"The camp substantiates the fact that The American Legion is concerned with veteran rehabilitation," said Department of Wisconsin Adjutant Rick Barnett. "And we're putting our money where our mouth is."

The Department of Wisconsin, including several Posts, Districts and Counties, contribute more than \$100,000 each year for camp operations. In addition to financial support, more than 200 Legionnaires volunteer their time at least once each year to work at the camp. Because of this, the camp does not employ maintenance personnel. Individual Wisconsin Posts, Districts and Counties sponsor the 18 cabins that are scattered in the birch, pine and oak trees by maintaining the building and surrounding grounds. Post 38 of Appleton and Post 106 of Seymour are sponsoring construction



PHOTOS BY DANIEL T. LIOTTA

**MORE**  
than 200  
Legionnaires  
volunteer  
their time  
to build and  
maintain  
campsite  
buildings.

of another cabin, which should be completed this summer by volunteers from the Posts.

Volunteers also manage the camp's daily business. Bob Mueller, a former patient and camp volunteer this past summer, washed dishes, answered phones and minded the store. "I'm up here to be in nature," Mueller said. "I like being away from the city, from Milwaukee. It's simply refreshing."

The refreshing experience of Camp American Legion was the dream of Jim Burns, Department of Wisconsin Service Officer from 1919 to 1959, who pressed for the creation of a camp that would provide a social atmosphere and medical attention similar to a hospital. Purchased and established in 1925, the camp originally helped WWI veterans recover from shell shock, influenza, tuberculosis and the effects of mustard gas. Today, the facilities have been

updated and cater to veterans with a variety of needs, including amputees, victims of strokes, multiple sclerosis, arthritis, nervous conditions, and alcoholism.

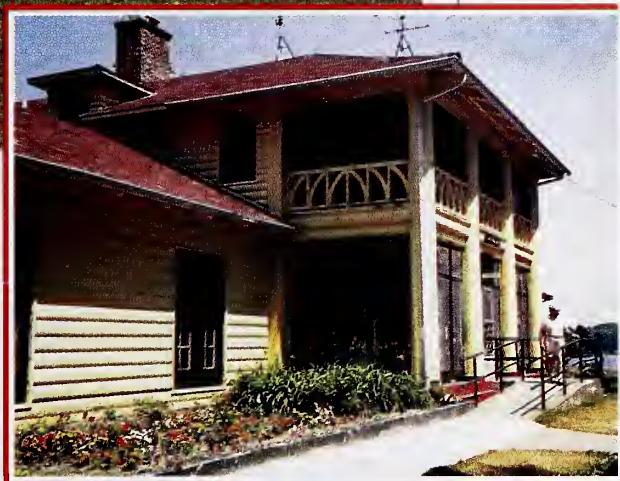
"The camp helps veterans get out of hospitals sooner and keeps them out longer," said Liotta, who's wife, Jeanne, assists with the day-to-day camp work. "It teaches patients to adjust to changing physical capabilities and fills

the gap between hospital, home, job and society."

The camp also offers companionship. "Here, there's always somebody you can talk to who has had the same

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**HOUSE OF HEALING**—Open from Memorial Day to mid-September, Camp American Legion houses about 60 veterans at one time and more than 300 each summer since 1925.



## PNC Hamilton Fish Sr. Dies

**H**A MILTON Fish Sr., 102, a founder of The American Legion, prominent soldier and long-time congressman, died of heart failure Jan. 18 at his home in Cold Spring, N.Y. "Mr. Fish's legendary energy and combativeness in service to America's veterans will be missed by Legionnaires," said National Commander Robert S. Turner.

"He was an architect of this great organization by his co-authorship of the Preamble to the Legion's Constitution, the statement of principles and ideals which have guided us for 72 years," Turner said of the most famous member of Post 150, Kingston, N.Y. Hamilton Fish possessed a distinguished political pedigree. Born Dec. 7, 1888 in Garrison, N.Y., his great-grandfather was an officer in the Revolutionary War. Fish



PNC Hamilton Fish Sr.

began his political career as a secretary to his father, congressman Hamilton Fish. Another Hamilton Fish, his grandfather, served as U.S. Senator and governor of New York, and was U.S. Secretary of State under President U.S. Grant.

Graduating cum laude from Harvard in 1910, Fish was an all-American tackle

and later named to the College Football Hall of Fame. He held two law degrees and began his lengthy legislative career by serving three terms in the New York state legislature. He joined the National Guard and when America declared war on Germany in 1917, Capt. Fish commanded a unit of the famed 369th Infantry Regiment, an all-black outfit from Harlem, which he led with distinction in the Meuse-Argonne campaign in 1918. His battlefield service earned Fish a Silver Star, a French Croix de Guerre, and promotion to major.

At the St. Louis Caucus in May 1919, Fish and Legionnaires George N. Davis of Delaware and John C. Greenway of Arizona were assigned to write the Preamble to the Legion Constitution.

Elected to the House in 1920, the freshman congressman wrote the bill to return the remains of an American killed in Europe to the United States. He had the honor of laying the first

wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on Armistice Day 1921. He sponsored successful legislation promoting veterans hiring and medical benefits, and he introduced the first bill creating a veterans legislative committee in the House. His strong pro-Americanism stance led to his being named chairman of a special House committee investigating communist activities and propaganda in 1930. In addition, during his 24-year congressional career Fish served as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and was ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules.

Defeated for re-election in 1944, Fish remained a vocal critic of communism and its corrosive influence upon free institutions. He was certainly revered by the organization he helped establish. In 1979 Fish was designated Honorary Past National Commander, one of only eight Legionnaires accorded that honor.

## Families Of B-24 Liberator Crew Sought

**O**N SEPT. 12, 1944, an American B-24 Liberator bomber on a mission against Germany, crashed in the mountains near the village of Fontan in southern France. Eleven American crewmen aboard the airplane died. Now, the French War Veterans

Association of Beausoleil, Monaco, and Cap d'Ail, France, are honoring those Americans with a monument to be built on the crash site in Mercantour National Park.

In addition, the French War Veterans Association, in conjunction with American Legion Post 5 of the Department of France, are enabling families of that B-24 crew to be present at the monument's dedication, scheduled for June 29, 1991. The French War Veterans Association has also offered to defray costs of travel to the memorial dedication for the crew's families. However, some families of the

11-man crew have not been located, and John Willms, Commander of Post 5 wants information on the following crew members:

- James W. Bryant, navigator, entered service at Brookshire, Texas.
- Earl A. Desjardins, pilot, entered service at Green Bay, Wis.
- Stanley Gluckman, radio, entered service at New York (Bronx), N.Y.
- Robert M. Hermans, bombardier, entered service at De Pere, Wis.
- Lewis E. Kess, gunner, entered service at Elizabeth, N.J.
- Guido J. Lancia, bombardier/observer, entered service at Mamaroneck, N.Y.

• Stephen E. Leycik, engineer, entered service at Ford City, Pa.

• Anthony R. Skar, gunner, entered service at Elizabeth, N.J.

If you have any information about these crewmen, write Willms at The American Legion, Department of France, c/o The American Consular Agency, 31 rue Marechael Joffre 06000 NICE, France.

Family members have been located for co-pilot Dale W. Marston; pilot observer Frank D. Russ; and gunner Joseph H. Boone. Post 80 of Orono, Maine, will pay travel costs of the Marston family.

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**103rd QM Co., 103rd Inf. Div.** (July-Springfield, IL) Robert Ankenbrandt, 1824 Lowell Ave., Springfield, IL 62704 (217) 544-9039

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**134th Inf., 35th Div. Assn. (Oct-Little Rock, AR)** James Graff, Rt. 1, Box 370, Middletown, IL 62666 (217) 445-2570

**135th Med. Rgt. (WWII)** (June-Appleton, WI) Bob Lloyd, 420 E. Lincoln, Appleton, WI 54915 (414) 733-0711

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**149th Inf., 38th Div., G Co.** (June-Ashland, KY) Russell Flint, 4125 Hurricane Rd., Ashland, KY 41101 (606) 329-9412

**150th Engr. Combat Bn. Assn.** (May-Plymouth, MA) Curtis Shaw, 1144 Cedarwood Cir., N. Dighton, MA 02764

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**151st Inf., 38th Div., G Co. (WWII)** (July-Lafayette, IN) Glenn Berryman, 2421 Kickapoo Dr., Lafayette, IN 47905 (317) 474-5837

**153rd Engr. Bn. (Aug-Somerset, PA)** John Mantini Sr., Rt. 3, Box 214, Holopple, PA 15935 (814) 479-4406

**161st Station Hospital** (June-Pittsburgh) James Leichliter, 57 A.C.T., New Kensington, PA 15068 (412) 335-3418

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**163rd Ord., 3rd Engr. Spec. Bde.** (Sept-Wheeling, WV) Joseph Ecker, 709 Jefferson St., Martin's Ferry, OH 43935 (614) 633-0201

**164th Anti-Tank & Tank Co.(NG)** (July-Harvey, SD) John Strauss, 505 E. Brewster, Harvey, ND 58341 (701) 324-4798

**164th Inf., G Co.** (June-Valley City, ND) Ray Kreidkamp, 529 5th Ave. N.W., Valley City, ND 58072 (701) 845-1502

**164th Inf., I Co. (WWII)** (June-Wahpeton, ND) Ira Keeney, 521 2nd St. N., Wahpeton, ND 58075 (701) 642-4314

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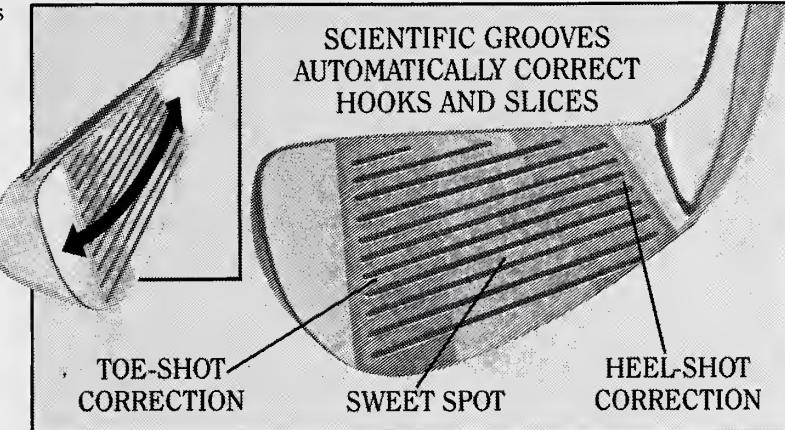
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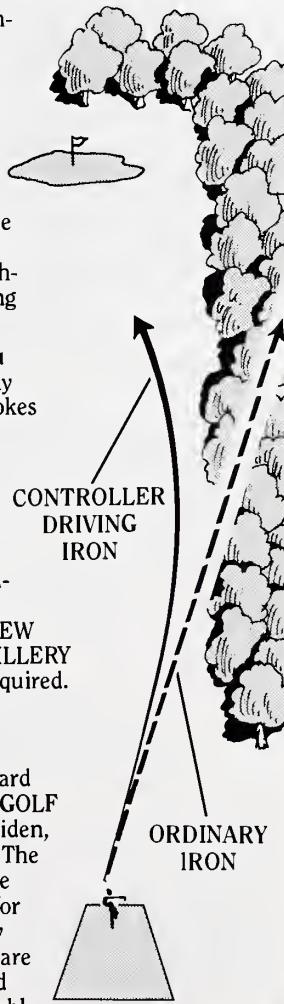
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**198th AAA Bn.** (Sept-Dayton, OH) Francis Puthoff, 8724 N. Dixie Dr., Dayton, OH 45414 (513) 890-1610

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**209th FA Bn.** (May-Arkansas City, KS) Don Fowler, 1336 North "C" St., Arkansas City, KS 67005 (316) 442-7379

**213th CAAA (July-Lebanon, PA)** Charles Gingrich, 2070 Quarry Rd., Lebanon, PA 17042 (717) 865-2281

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**222nd AAA Bn.** (June-St. Louis) Oscar Wolf, 1701 S. 11th St., Belleville, IL 62223 (618) 235-0465

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**240th Engr. Bn.** (Sept-Cedar Rapids, IA) Donald Musser, 1658 8th St. N.W., Cedar Rapids, IA 52405 (319) 362-1091

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**261st Med. Bn., 1st Engr. Spec. Bde.** (June-East Windsor, CT) Rudy Talamantez, Box 582, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

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**300th AFA, C Btry.** (July-Worland, WY) Ralph Pickett, 2401 Big Horn Ave., #8, Worland, WY 82401 (307) 347-6567

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**312th FA Bn., 79th Inf. Div.** (July-Canton, OH) Nick Eusanio, 1739 Harrington Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793 (516) 221-5924

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**329th Inf., 83rd Div., Rgt. HQ Co.** (June-St. Marys, OH) Frank Fauer, 403 Edgewood Dr., Wauseon, OH 43567 (419) 335-9363

**329th Inf., Co. E** (Aug-Lexington, KY) William Ledger, Rt. 4, Box 114, Morgantown, IN 46160 (812) 988-2562

**338th Engr. Rgt. (WWII)** (Oct-Louisville, KY) H.F. Allgeier, 3211 Norma Lane, Louisville, KY 40220 (502) 454-5439

**359th Engr. Rgt., B Co** (Aug-Wooster, OH) Howard Lawrence, 9869 Hiner Rd., Wooster, OH 44691 (216) 264-5857

**359th Engr. Rgt., F Co.** (Sept-Pittsburgh, PA) Bernard Ehn, Garden Park Terr., Box 112, Wheeling, WV 26003 (304) 277-3760

**368th General Service Engrs. (WWII)** (Sept-Albany, NY) Alex Andreski, 460 Bostwick Ave., Janesville, WI 53545 (808) 754-9321

**382nd FA Bn., 103rd Div., C Btry.** (June-Flint, MI) Marcellus Jacobson, 3234 Anderson Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54703 (715) 832-3412

**383rd Anti Tank Co., 96th Inf.** (Sept-Bowling Green, KY) Clay Joiner, 928 Elm St., Bowling Green, KY 42101 (502) 842-3878

**389th Inf. 98th Div., F Co.** (Oct-Bushkill, PA) William Smith, 52 Palm Blvd., Madison, OH 44057 (216) 428-5839

**391st/392nd Med. Coll. Cos., 61st Med. Bn.** (July-Elkins, WV) Virgil Hart, Rt 1, Box 229, Elkins, WV 26241 (304) 636-1958

**410th AAA Bn., A Btry.** (364th MP Co. (July-Rockwood, PA) Jay Houpt, Rt. 1, Box 41, Rockwood, PA 15557 (814) 926-2284

**410th AAA Gun Bn., D Btry. (WWII)** (Sept-Rockton, PA) John Conway, Box 56, Rockton, PA 15856 (814) 583-5477

**410th Inf., 103rd Div., C Co. (WWII)** (Sept-Dallas) Andrew Setliffe, 6700 Granada Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205 (501) 663-2785

**411th AAA Gun Bn.** (Aug-Lexington, KY) Albert Salasek, 929 Wertz Ave. S.W., Canton, OH 44710 (216) 454-2264

**411th AAA Gun Bn. Assn. (WWII)** (Aug-Lexington, KY) Vincent Sica, 987 East 94th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236 (718) 649-2419

**415th Inf., 104th Div., AT Co.** (Aug-Boston) Jim Mays, 1210 Fuller St., 2nd Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215) 742-8855

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**470th AAA AW Bn. (WWII)** (July-Bluefield, WV) George Surface, Rt. 1, Bluefield, WV 24701

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**482nd Med. Coll. Co. (Sep)** (Oct-Columbus, OH) John Sutula, 6200 Rockside Rd., Cleveland, OH 44131 (216) 328-8000

**483rd AAA AW Bn.** (June-Chapel Hill, TN) Crawford Henson, Box 896, Shelbyville, TN 37160 (615) 684-1924

**487th AAA Bn., B Btry.** (Oct-Irving, TX) Cleetus Goss, 5043 Brillo St., San Diego, CA 92117 (619) 272-5480

**494th AA, C Btry.** (Sept-Albert Lea, MN) Darwin Van Ripen, 610 Johnson, MN 56007 (507) 373-4777

**496th Arm'd FA Bn. (WWII)** (Sept-San Antonio) Miller Hanley, 3702 Penna Ave., Charleston, WV 25302 (304) 343-8288

**503rd MP Bn., 3rd Army, B Co.** (June-Frankenmuth, MI) Dennis Adusky, Elm Rd., Rt. 2, Box 729, Gatlinburg, TN 37738 (615) 436-5834

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(Oct-Reading, PA) A.C. Brown, Box 25, Troutman, NC 28766 (704) 528-5218

## 1913th Avn Engr. Bn. (Sept-Pittsburgh, PA) William

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Critics cite the ACLU's reasoning with respect to such issues as:

- *Airport metal detectors.*

Between 1968 and 1973, there were an average of 27 attempted airplane hijackings annually. In 1973, airports began using metal detectors to screen passengers for weapons, whereupon hijacking attempts dropped to just seven per year.

The ACLU immediately went on record against the detectors. The new security procedures were denounced as "intrusive" violations of Fourth Amendment protections against "unreasonable search and seizure." ACLU attorneys made no distinction between the passive screenings carried out via metal detectors and such extreme measures as body cavity searches.

Dorsen believes that weapons searches should be made on a "probable-cause basis" only, a position secu-

rity experts dismiss as unworkable in an airport environment. Further, the ACLU has portrayed airports' attempts to create a behavioral profile of likely hijackers as "biased against minorities and long-haired individuals."

- *Security measures in schools.*

With the nationwide emergence of street gangs has come a tripling in the number of students carrying guns and other deadly weapons. In one recent year, more than 27,000 youths were victims of handgun violence alone. In Detroit, during the 1983-84 school year, 325 weapons were seized inside schools. By late 1984, Detroit officials had had enough. The school district instituted surprise weapons sweeps.

Again, reaction from the ACLU was swift. The organization brought suit to stop the searches. "People should not be searched without probable cause," said Dorsen, "and we take that position pretty much across the board." Even when there is reason to suspect a student of carrying a gun, the ACLU has opposed inspections of lockers.

In the Detroit case, wrangling between the ACLU and school administrators produced a compromise many considered ludicrous: The school board would still conduct the searches, but *students would be warned of each sweep*

*several days in advance.*

- *"Victimless" crimes.*

The ACLU urges the repeal of laws against prostitution and opposes postal restrictions on pornographic materials, which it considers "private matters" having to do with "individual tastes."

Similarly, in its Policy No. 210, the ACLU maintains that "gambling, attempted suicide... or the introduction of substances into one's own body" should not be criminal offenses. Abuses of drugs or alcohol are described not as vices, but as "lifestyle choices."

The implications of such reasoning for the national drunk-driving epidemic are not hard to see. In just two average years, fatalities from alcohol-related accidents on the highways of America equal the death toll from the Vietnam War. An additional 1 million people per year are injured in wrecks where alcohol or drugs play some role.

Appalled by the statistics, at least 30 states have instituted highway-sobriety checkpoints—and once more, the ACLU has swung into action. In Policy No. 217, the ACLU states, "Roadblocks where drivers are stopped for sobriety testing without probable cause violate Fourth Amendment principles." As a result of the ACLU's successful pleadings in this area, police frequently are forced to publicize the date and location of an upcoming checkpoint and place signs warning of the roadblock.

The ACLU takes an equally hard line on the matter of drug testing of transportation employees; including railroad workers, air traffic controllers and bus and truck drivers. "Under no circumstances" does it support random urinalysis. This, despite a major 1979 study which found that excessive alcohol consumption was a serious problem for almost one-quarter of railroad employees.

- *Search and seizure in criminal cases.*

The ACLU has unflinchingly argued that even those who are clearly guilty of heinous crimes should get off scot-free if the slightest doubts exist about improprieties in the gathering of evidence. In one case that was widely covered, the ACLU won a new trial for a man convicted based on evidence found in his trash; ACLU lawyers maintained that garbage is "private property." In another instance, a lunatic who shot his girlfriend in front of a half dozen witnesses was allowed to plea bargain to a lesser charge because arresting officers failed to read him his Miranda rights.

- *Covert operations.*

The ACLU and the American intelligence-gathering community have long been at odds, and ACLU literature is

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forthright on the matter: "Abolish all covert operations" states Policy No. 117. Admittedly, on the domestic front, many FBI and CIA practices have been ruled constitutionally improper by the Supreme Court. But ACLU's sweeping edict, if enacted, would have the effect of handcuffing the intelligence community in its dealings abroad, where the rules and information-gathering realities are murkier. This would leave the United States at a significant disadvantage to those who do not subscribe to American standards of fair play.

Critics point to a growing extremism in certain ACLU positions. A number of times each year, the organization takes up the gavel on behalf of parents who do not want their children to salute the flag, or say the words "one nation under God" when reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance." The ACLU also dislikes school dress codes, objects to the formation of Bible-study groups on school premises, even when membership is voluntary and the group meets *after* school, and believes that clerics should remove their religious garb if they speak before a public school audience.

Additionally, ACLU policy sometimes smacks of self-importance. Typical is its stance on the draft: "Military conscription, under any circumstances, is a violation of civil liberties... in the absence of an extreme national emergency as defined by ACLU."

For all these reasons, there is evidence of a growing disenchantment with ACLU activities. A poll taken by the *Detroit Free Press* in the fall of 1989 revealed that two out of three respondents were skeptical of the ACLU's role in society. Similarly, in one California survey of motorists who had just driven through sobriety checkpoints, almost 90 percent believed the minimal inconvenience was worth the safety dividends. Meantime, 8.5 billion passengers have gone through airport metal detectors without registering protest.

The ACLU points out, correctly, that causes such as Scopes and Southern voting rights were just as unpopular in their day as some of the organization's present crusades. Dorsen claims that his group is not radical—just ahead of its time, and therefore misunderstood. That's why the ACLU now devotes much of its energy to an education campaign aimed at bolstering public awareness of the constitutional issues behind its stance on personal liberties.

In a sense, said Dorsen, the ACLU is designed to be unpopular. "You don't need an ACLU to watch over the rights of the majority, because the majority can protect itself through legislation,"

he said. "The whole point of the Bill of Rights is to prevent the majority from imposing its will unjustly on the minority."

To be sure, the issue is not an easy one. In its early years especially, the ACLU often was the lone voice speaking in defense of those whom society had unjustly accused or excluded. The problem is that in recent times the ACLU appears on occasion to have lost sight of another core precept of democracy—the notion of the "greater good"—and that's a serious concern for increasing numbers of ACLU-watchers nationwide. □

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# TEEN SUICIDE

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than the statistics indicate."

"Accidents often won't be counted as suicides," said Dr. Leventhal, and, minus flagrant evidence such as a suicide note, many coroners are more comfortable recording all questionable deaths as accidents. How high is the real count? According to O'Carroll, the actual teen-age suicide death toll is anywhere from 1.2 times to 3.8 times the official reports.

More under counting afflicts tallies of suicide attempts. "Taboos surrounding suicide lead many families to try to conceal this," said Los Angeles psychologist Dr. Michael Peck. The rule of thumb is that there are 10 attempts for every completed suicide, but many experts, like CDC's Dr. Mark Rosenberg, believe that estimate falls well shy of the true number. According to Rosenberg, there may be as many as 20 to 40 attempts for each completed suicide. If he is right, 240 teens try to end their own lives every day.

## The Causes

Just why are so many teens making a mockery of the myth of a carefree adolescence? For starters, said Boston psychologist Dr. David Elkind, a major factor behind the explosion in the country's youth suicide rate is that we used to treat adolescents as immature; we protected them.

"As a nation," he said, "we've stopped doing that. Kids have more freedoms today, to engage in premarital sex and to experiment with drugs and alcohol. At the same time as teen-age suicide rates have climbed, so has the divorce rate, and family stresses have produced higher levels of loss for kids. The result is that we've put them under substantial stress and they may not be emotionally ready to handle the demands that are placed on them."

There's no denying today's world is high pressure and particularly so for many adolescents, but still, the vast majority don't commit suicide, so that's just the beginning of an answer. For the past decade, experts have been fine tuning their research and current theories maintain that the reasons for a suicide are never simple. UCLA professor Dr. Edwin Shneidman said, "It's not because 'he lost his money' or 'she left him.' That's newspaper talk. The real explanations are never so

superficial."

"It's critical to understand," added Dr. O'Carroll, "that no one cause triggers suicide; it's always a combination of factors. The question here is: What factors contribute to suicide? Our answers to that question are getting increasingly more specific."

"We're much closer to identifying the highest-risk teens. The risk factors are not the same for boys and girls," said Gould, who stated that males are at highest risk if they are known to have attempted to kill themselves before. "If a boy has tried once, there is enormous risk he will die of suicide within the year. If you know of a boy who has made any kind of attempt, get him into treatment immediately."

Other factors correlated with suicidal boys are a family history of suicide. "That boy is twice as likely to kill himself as another boy," said Gould. "If a boy is abusing drugs or alcohol, he is four times more likely to kill himself.

"As for girls, the ones most in danger are those suffering from major depression. This girl is 15 times more likely to kill herself than a girl who isn't," said Gould. After that, prior attempts, substance abuse and family history are also significant. "But the key with girls is depression. That depressed teen-ager needs professional help, promptly."

Identifying high-risk youths is useful, but Dr. Gould admits that obviously, there's more than one type of teen-ager who kills himself or herself. The four boys who ended their lives in Sheridan, Ark., prove that. Two were members of the high school Reserve Officers Training Corps. Only one had poor grades; another one might have had a drug problem. Two had relatives who'd committed suicide, but none of the four were known to have made prior

attempts. Just that diversity reveals the difficulties of developing predictive models. Then, too, acknowledged Gould, there inevitably is a wide gulf between "being at risk and actually committing suicide."

## What Triggers An Attempt?

"Usually, when a teen attempts suicide," said Dr. Peck, "there's a stressful, precipitating event." Put more plainly, before even a high-risk adolescent attempts suicide, there is something that pushes him over the brink. There may be a break up of a relationship, a clash with the law, perhaps a failing grade at school.

"If he feels hopeless enough and if there is enough pain, he may look at suicide as his only option," said Dr. Elkind.

"Pain is the key," agreed Dr. Shneidman. But, he warns, we can't necessarily use adult standards for emotional distress. "It might not mean much to you to be caught stealing a typewriter from your office, but to this boy it could be the end of the world. We must look at suicide 'idiosyncratically,' meaning case-by-case."

## Preventing A Teen's Suicide

Can a suicidal teen-ager be saved? "Absolutely," said Dr. Peck. "We know we can help. Just letting the youngster know you care, that you're concerned is a big step."

There is reason for optimism. "For 90 percent of suicides, there are clear advance clues," said Dr. Shneidman. Telltale signs range from giving away prized possessions through explicit warnings that suicide is under consideration.

If the clues are so blatant, how could they be missed? Far too frequently, they

## IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP

**D**ON'T ignore the warning signs of trouble. When a teen-ager is in pain, perhaps enough pain to be contemplating suicide, help is available. If he or she won't seek it—and sometimes depression can make any choice besides suicide seem impossible—get the help for them. The faster a hurting child knows that people really care, the speedier his or her recovery will be.

Programs for assisting suicidal teen-agers are widely available through schools and local suicide prevention hotlines (listed in the white pages).

Other sources of help include the American Association of Suicidology (303/692-0985), which is ready to provide referrals to crisis centers in your community. More help is available through The American Legion's National Commission on Children & Youth, which has prepared a free pamphlet, *Warning Signs*, for distribution through local Posts to high schools and junior high schools. Copies are available by contacting your Post or writing National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (see Your American Legion page 20.)

aren't taken seriously.

"Adults will often ignore the clues because they don't want to see them. Often, parents will see a teen's suicidal behavior as a reflection of their own failings," said Dr. Peck. "So many times I've heard from school psychologists that they'd called a youth's home to report suicidal tendencies only to be met by a defensive and angry parent. In one case, the mother said, 'When my daughter left for school she was fine. If she's suicidal now, it must be your fault.' Then she hung up."

The comparative seriousness of a teen's suicidality can be measured, said Dr. Peck, by asking certain questions: Is there a suicide plan? Is there a specific date and method? Have the thoughts been going on for a while? Does the youngster feel hopeless? Get even one "yes," and Peck prescribes immediate intervention, which can range from counseling with a school psychologist to more in-depth treatment by a mental health professional.

The same advice holds—but more strongly—when there's a failed suicide attempt. "Never ignore any attempt," urged Dr. Shneidman.

"Even if the attempt is ridiculous"—such as swallowing a small quantity of a comparatively harmless over-the-counter medicine—"don't make fun of it," Peck said. "That's the worst response."

Can a teen who's attempted suicide resume normal living? "There are so many successes," said Dr. Peck, "so many teens who attempt suicide, but who go on to lead successful lives."

"Teen-age suicide," said Charlotte Ross of the Youth Suicide National Center in San Mateo, Calif., "can be prevented. We've made real progress just in the past 10 years. Kids now know that when they hurt and they're thinking of suicide, there are grownups around who won't think they're crazy and who will help without telling their parents or putting it on their school records, which we've found is what kids most fear. It's simple: The more we educate teen-agers that help is available, the more lives we will save." □

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• Thanks to American reforms during the postwar occupation, most Japanese young people attend senior high school and very few drop out. Nearly 70 percent are qualified to attend college, yet Japan has been slow to build more colleges because of the anticipated shrinkage in the college-age population. For example, there are more than 700 graduate business programs in the United States, but only four business schools in all of Japan.

• Regulations in Japan restrain entrepreneurs from setting up universities by requiring that an institution's land and buildings be the property of a legally independent corporation. But U.S. regulations haven't had to deal with cases in which entrepreneurs, including foreigners, buy or set up a college and retain control of its assets. It's a gray area still not adequately addressed by accreditation groups, the IRS and the higher education community.

• The Japanese want their own schools for Japanese families living in the United States, where they work for Japan's multinational corporations. The Japanese Ministry of Education has received more than 100 applications to establish Japanese high schools overseas. Attending a Japanese-American college is a natural progression.

• Finally, it's possible to make very handsome profits by sending Japanese students to the United States. These students—or, more precisely, their parents—are willing to pay the going rate of about \$9,000 per year in tuition, plus substantial placement fees, to a broker or owner who has controlling interest in an American institution. "With 1,000 students, such an arrangement can yield its founder \$4 million to \$5 million per year in tuition and fees," said Chambers and Cummings.

Japanese parents are willing to pay a premium because admission to a U.S. college as a regular foreign student often requires better test scores and English skills. Also, in the new hybrid schools the Japanese students are

taught by instructors who speak their language, and the parents can expect their children will be more closely supervised and protected than is customary on many all-American campuses.

At first glance, it seems that the new Japanese-American institutions are rescuing marginal American colleges while simultaneously benefiting Japanese students and a small number of Japanese entrepreneurs. Is this reason for concern?

Although actual mergers and buyouts involve only a handful of colleges to date, they are part of a trend that is far more visible in other well-acknowledged forms: Japanese students are attending independent American universities in large and growing numbers while Japanese industry is buying its way into university research labs.

## Soaring Japanese Enrollments

Japanese student enrollments in U.S. institutions jumped 33 percent in 1988-89, according to a survey by the Institute of International Education. In the last five years, the number of Japanese taking the standardized admission test for MBA programs has nearly tripled. Japanese students now account for 5 percent of total enrollment at the top American business schools, with about 75 percent under the sponsorship of their Japanese employers. At MIT, Japanese account for perhaps 12 percent of the MBA class, and this year Japan is sending more students to MIT (in many fields) than MIT will send to Japan in seven years.

While increasing Japanese enrollments don't represent a takeover of the institutions in an ownership sense, the effect is the same: We're training potential competitors. And to the extent that tax dollars and other sources of revenue underwrite higher education, we're subsidizing their training. As college officials like to point out when they are seeking money, tuition doesn't begin to cover the cost of a college education. It is subsidized by tax exemptions on campus real estate, research grants by industry and government, federal student loan programs, direct state aid (for public universities) and private philanthropy.

Beyond their financial stakes in small colleges and their growing enrollment as students on American campuses, the Japanese are particularly controversial in discussions of technology transfer. Nearly every major Japanese corporation is funding research at a U.S. university. In the past, Japanese companies simply bought our

technology outright through licenses or joint ventures. Now their strategy seems to have changed and debate is growing, especially as most university research is publicly funded.

In 1989, a congressional subcommittee held hearings on conflicts of interest among universities and industry, with much of the focus on MIT's relationship with Japanese companies. MIT collects millions of dollars every year from corporations in its industrial liaison program; 55 of its 255 members are Japanese. Membership buys access to MIT research worth about \$260 million annually, 80 percent of which is publicly funded.

The subcommittee found that eight of MIT's top 10 recipients of grants from the National Institutes of Health were consultants to more foreign companies than American firms. But those figures are skewed by the fact that the Japanese notions of courtesy require that they make contacts through official channels, said Thomas Moebus, director of the liaison program. Contacts with faculty by American firms are frequently unreported, and U.S. industry funds about 75 percent of MIT research, he said. Still, the chairman of NEC Corp., the giant Japanese electronics firm, has been quoted as saying his company owes much of its success to MIT's program.

MIT is hardly alone in sharing research with Japanese. Canon, Hitachi, Nissan, Oki, Ricoh and many other major corporations are funding research or setting up labs near first-rate research universities where they can hire the local talent.

Some observers are sounding the alarm. Frank Press, president of the National Academy of Sciences, wants the United States to address "the training imbalance." He notes that in 1988 about 40,000 visas were issued to Japanese for study, research and training. Of that number, 24,000 are listed as students. Meanwhile, the number of Americans in Japan for similar reasons is perhaps only 10 percent as much.

"It is difficult to estimate these costs to the United States," Press said, "but I would guess that there is a negative balance of trade in training, with Japan's deficit in excess of \$100 million per year. This may be small compared to the \$50 billion deficit in trade, but training is the precursor to productivity increases, new industries and future commercial successes."

## Recommendations for Reform

The willingness of the Japanese to invest in American higher education

grows out of the value their culture places on learning from others, Moebus said. Equally important, perhaps, is the fact that some American educators are aggressively courting that investment, particularly at the major research universities. But foreign investors say that if the short-term orientation of American industry makes it unwilling to invest in our universities, that's our problem, not theirs. They have a point, Press said. In testimony before Congress, members have asked Press why they should support funds for scientific research at universities when other countries can so easily reap the benefits.

The remedy is not to keep university research secret, but to encourage more American firms to avail themselves of it, Moebus said. Scientific research, especially when it's in the service of education, is a collective good that scholars have traditionally been free to share, Moebus said. Besides, he said, laboratory research can't be turned to a competitive advantage without years of development work.

The Japanese must be persuaded to enlarge recently established programs that bring post-doctoral American students to their university, and national and industrial labs. Also, the United States should provide more Japanese language training and advertise the opportunities available for American students in Japan, Press said.

Rather than bar Japanese investment in university labs, we should encourage it, provided no strings are attached, Press said. Perhaps the Japanese could expect us to match their grants, and facilities could be named in their honor, but they should receive no preferential access.

Chambers and Cummings believe regional accreditation groups should take a closer look at the Japanese-American college partnerships on both sides of the Pacific. We can hardly denounce takeovers here, they said, when American schools are establishing poorly supervised and opportunistic branches in Japan, or lending their names to diploma mills run by Japanese entrepreneurs. Indeed, Japanese students and parents have begun suing American schools in Japan.

All colleges should be required to register their overseas programs with their accreditation groups, and should voluntarily exchange data. The current information gap only serves the interest of profiteers and protects poor programs, Chambers and Cummings claim. Both nations would benefit from

establishing a binational team to set standards, and the IRS should take a close look at the tax-exempt status of Japanese-American institutions whose partnerships appear to substantially benefit private individuals, they said.

### Advantages for the United States

Is the "globalization" on American campuses really in the national interest? In an increasingly multicultural America, educators say, it's important for American students to study and live among peers from other cultures. Given the consolidation of Western Europe and its imminent emergence as a competitor at least as formidable as Japan, we've got to prepare our students to survive in a global marketplace. It's difficult to export to Japan if we don't speak the language or have contacts there; cooperative education arrangements could be to our advantage.

The general consensus in the higher education community is that hosting foreign students through regular channels is very beneficial to the United States, Chambers said. "It's one of the most efficient ways to make good friends around the world."

Japanese graduate students are welcomed at many campus research

facilities because of their excellent preparation and the contributions they make, according to Press. And the Japanese are hardly the only nationality heavily represented in our universities. Even though foreign students earn more than half of all U.S. doctorates in engineering, it would be short-sighted to limit their numbers. Many foreign-born engineers who come to the United States for advanced education apply for citizenship, and engineering schools that can't match industry salaries have come to rely on them for faculty.

Throughout modern American history, immigrants have been disproportionately represented in various trades and regions of the country. The Statue of Liberty has come to symbolize America's willingness to accept others. But as it becomes clear that the Japanese or other groups are more interested in bargain-hunting or picking our brains than in immigration or mutual benefit, debate is certain to grow.

It need not be an "us-against-them" argument. Few American educators would disagree with Nobuo Shimahira, professor of education at Rutgers University. When education becomes a commodity, he said, it can lose its meaning all too easily. □

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# MAFIA

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burn my soul. I enter alive into this organization and leave it dead." In announcing the arrests—for charges including murder and kidnapping—U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh commented that this government assault has driven "a stake in the heart" of the New England Mafia.

• In New Jersey last summer, investigators trumped the Boston success by inducing an informant to tape his own induction into the Bruno-Scarfо crime family. Arrested in that operation were 41 Mafiosi including John Riggі, reputed boss of New Jersey's DeCavalcante family and Anthony Piccolo, named by police as acting boss of the Bruno-Scarfо group. As for the few, elderly Bruno-Scarfо Mafiosi left on the streets, the New Jersey State Police superintendent dismissed this once feared group as "the Geritol Gang."

• In Chicago, a long-time mob stronghold, the 1986 conviction of boss Joseph Aiuppa and a number of his lieutenants has left "The Outfit," as it's known, with reduced leadership and influence.

• Even in New York City, the Mafia's traditional home turf, "all of the (five) New York mob families, especially the Columbo, Bonanno and Lucchese families are generally in disarray," said Ronald Goldstock, who heads the New York State Organized Crime Task Force. And while it's true that Gotti has sidestepped conviction, his crime family hasn't. Courts recently sentenced his two top aides, Joseph Armone and Joseph Gallo, to life terms in prison, while Gotti's brother, Gene, was handed a 10 year to 50 year sentence for narcotics. As for John Gotti himself, Abadinsky said, "Gotti is not that important...he's a guy who doesn't have any real depth. He's not a worldly guy who knows his way around the more sophisticated areas of organized crime."

Just as there's wide agreement that the Mafia is in steep decline, law enforcement officials say there's no mystery why the law has gained the upper hand in this half-century-old battle: "RICO has been like an atomic bomb," said Frederick Martens, head of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission, referring to the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations section of the Organized Crime Control

Act of 1970. RICO permits prosecutors to pursue crime families, not just isolated individuals. Just as importantly, if the prosecution proves an individual committed any two of more than 30 specifically defined crimes in a 10-year period, that person is subject to stringent sentencing for taking part in an ongoing "racket" or criminal enterprise.

Potent as it sounds, RICO's complexities left prosecutors skeptical that juries could comprehend it, so for a decade it gathered dust in the federal law books. Then in the '80s, prosecutors finally decided to give RICO a shot. The results were fast and devastating to the mob. Boston jurors convicted Gennaro Angiulo and all his lieutenants, while New York jurors—in the so-called "Mafia Commission" trial—convicted the heads (among them, "Fat Tony" Salerno) of three of New York's five families, sending them away for 100 years apiece. A fourth family, the Bonnанos, saw a captain sentenced to 40 years and later suffered a more crippling blow in the "Pizza Connection" trial where a dozen mobsters were convicted in a \$1.65 billion heroin smuggling scheme.

RICO "was sort of like George Kennan's containment policy of the Soviet Union," Notre Dame's Blakey, one of RICO's principal authors, recently told *The New York Times*. "We tried it and by God it worked."

Though RICO unquestionably has damaged the Mafia, that still wouldn't be enough to predict a lasting victory—not if newcomers continued to flock to join the mob. But that's not happening, said experts like Abadinsky, who point to "the collapse of the old ethnic neighborhoods in the cities. The Mafia isn't getting the same quantity—or quality—of recruits. This is a key, often overlooked, reason for the mob's decline. Italian-Americans have changed just like the rest of our society. Youngsters are better educated than their elders, they have more opportunities in life, and they know the Mafia is under attack. Why would a bright young kid want to join the mob today? He wouldn't—and he isn't."

As for the recruits the Mafia is winning, former FBI agent Joe Pistone—who operated undercover as "Donnie Brasco" and duped two New York Mafia families into accepting him as a racketeer—said, "Old-timers are being replaced by younger wiseguys who do not possess the same strong family ties. 'Our Thing' is turning into 'My Thing.'"

Even Aniello Dellacroce, the now deceased Gambino family underboss

and John Gotti's mentor, said, "People do whatever they feel like. They don't train people no more." A federal bug caught Dellacroce complaining, "There's no more respect. If you can't be sincere, you can't be honest with your friends—then you got nothing."

Symptomatic of that collapse of old-fashioned loyalties is that the Mafia is under attack from within. It was a watershed event when Genovese family "soldier" Joe Valachi broke ranks and testified against his fellow Mafiosi in highly publicized 1960s congressional hearings. Today there is a flood of informers, from Henry Hill, the Lucchese family associate whose story is depicted in the recent movie, *Goodfella*s, through Sicilian Mafia chieftain Tommaso Buscetta, five members of the Scarfo-Bruno family and a long-time Gotti crony, "Willie Boy" Johnson.

"Today when a mobster is caught, he's looking at a lot of years in prison. With our ability to offer immunity they have a choice between jail or making money from a movie like Henry Hill," said Martens. "That's not much of a choice."

Making the choice simpler is that, between the imprisonment of so many Mafiosi and the fact that with a very few exceptions, including "Willie Boy" Johnson, informers have lived to make a mockery of rumored, million-dollar mob contracts on their lives.

"The myth of Mafia invulnerability is being seen as the myth—the fraud—that it is," said Blakey.

"To fear the Mafia you've got to believe in its invincibility," added Abadinsky. "Fewer and fewer people do. That's made it easier to inform."

Pounding another nail in the Mafia's coffin is that the increasingly aging Mafia (members average 60 years of age, according to the New York Police Department) has not proved itself capable of meeting the challenges posed by powerful, newly organized crime groups.

Put these elements together and "there's no doubt the Mafia simply is no longer the dominant criminal force it was," concluded Blakey.

But, warned Martens, that does not mean the war is over. "We have a big lead but I'd say we're only in the fourth inning," he said. "The problem in the past is that, after a few prosecutions, we've gone home with innings left to play. We've got to keep up the pressure if we're going to win this one. If we do keep the pressure on the Mafia and the new groups, there is no way we will lose." □

# STRAIGHT DOPE

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One of Fisher's colleagues, Ava Sugar, conducted the six weekly sessions. Parents learned the early warning signs of drug or alcohol abuse, along with listening and other communication skills to strengthen bonds between themselves and their children.

The sessions began with a 20-minute video depicting a scenario that parents are likely to encounter when the subject of drug abuse arises. A discussion period followed the video.

Legionnaire Jack Milburn, chairman of the drug education committee, reports 21 of the 29 parents who signed up attended each session, a success rate of 72 percent. The initial effort was so successful that Milburn reports the committee plans to conduct two sessions during the present school year. The health fair completed the cycle.

The Parenting Program targets parents of children ages 9 to 12. Subsequent programs will expand the scope to include parents of middle and high school level children.

Drug-abuse prevention through education coupled with more diligent law-enforcement efforts imparts a sense of accomplishment among Legionnaires, who feel it's their job to win the war against dope. *By Anthony Miller*

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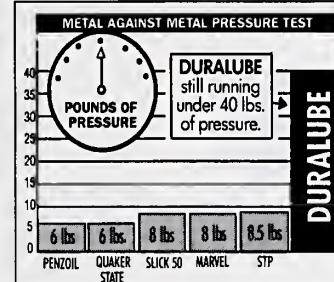
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## HELPING HAND

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"In Oklahoma, we receive referrals from the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs," said Rudnicki. He said TFA gives the Legion an excellent working relationship with state agencies and makes it possible to help many needy veterans. Perhaps this indicates the only weak area of the TFA program. Before the Legion can help a veteran's family, it has to know it needs help.

The TFA is a grant. It's not necessary to pay it back. If you know a family who needs a helping hand, contact your Post service officer. The TFA program is the Legion's way of telling a veteran's family we haven't forgotten. □

By Ken Scharnberg

## LAKE TOMAHAWK

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experiences," Mueller said. "There's a rapport that develops, a nice, warm feeling by being around people of the same background. We've all been through the mill together."

In addition to the medical care and companionship, the camp offers fishing, swimming, hiking and boating with the camp's pontoon and motor boats. Games and sports include archery, shuffle board, horseshoes, cards, cribbage, bingo and pool.

Honorably discharged Wisconsin veterans interested in attending the camp should write to Camp American Legion 8529 HWY. D, West, Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539 for a free brochure and application. Generally, there's no waiting list. Although the only eligibility requirement is that Wisconsin veterans must be in need of some sort of recuperation, the camp cannot accept bedridden or very ill patients who need constant medical attention.

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# WORDSMITH

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and you can afford the price, and there is a price."

**Q. How did you relate to President Reagan on a personal level?**

**A.** I thought he was right about so much, and right instinctively. He wasn't a great intellectual, and he didn't get the opinions he had by habit or from stubbornness. He formed his opinions from puzzling them out and trying to judge what was right. And he sometimes held opinions that worked against him, that were not the popular opinions, but he held to them anyway because he thought they were right.

**Q. What were some of the changes you witnessed on the way to the "Reagan Revolution?"**

**A.** The two biggest changes domestically were a national revulsion against high taxes and a growing national conviction that the way to fight totalitarianism was not to acquiesce to it. These two things were the predicate to Reagan.

**Q. Near the end of his second term, did Reagan become more tolerant of communism?**

**A.** I don't think Reagan ever for a second became more tolerant of communism. But I do think in the last few years of his presidency he took a gamble on Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. I believe he felt Gorbachev was a man who wanted to make big changes in the Soviet system, and, if in fact Gorbachev succeeded, communism would no longer be communism.

Reagan was the greatest opponent of communism. He spent eight years talking about democracy and its moral and practical superiority to totalitarianism, and he was always careful to remind you that totalitarianism's modern face was communism. I think he won the Cold War by building America's defenses, by demonstrating in a practical way to the Soviet Union that they could not out build us, that they would have to make ever larger defense outlays. He showed them he meant business when they left the table at the arms talks in the early 1980s, and he put the Pershing missiles in Europe over the profound objections of the Soviets; and at Reykjavik, when he would not give up on the Strategic

Defense Initiative. He demonstrated over and over to the Kremlin, to the Politburo that they would simply have to change. By 1989, they began to change. Reagan helped change history. Not many men can say that.

**Q. One complaint some Americans have about President Reagan is his role in bringing about increases in the national budget deficit during his tenure. What is his share of responsibility?**

**A.** Reagan spent the 1980s asking for the line-item veto so the President could begin to assert authority and make personal decisions about the budget. He didn't get it. He asked for a balanced budget amendment to force the issue. He didn't get it. He wanted to control spending, but found it impossible with Congress, dominated by Democrats. Was he totally innocent? No, he could have bitten the bullet on a lot of domestic spending programs.

**Q. Were you in the White House during the Iran-Contra affair?**

**A.** I left the Reagan White House in the summer of 1986, and the story didn't break until the autumn. And it came as much a surprise to me as to anyone. I would have been in the White

House while certain types of mischief were taking place, but I didn't know about it.

**Q. In retrospect, how did working with President Bush differ from working with President Reagan?**

**A.** You know, they are just different men in many ways. First of all, I got to know Bush in a way I never got to know Reagan. I was allowed to know him, and I like him a lot. I like his warmth and his humor and his very breezy unpretentiousness—very charming. He was easy to work with. He would tell what he wanted in his speeches very clearly.

Bush and Reagan are different in many ways. Reagan loved the public part of the presidency. Bush loves the private presidency. He prefers to work quietly in his office, calling West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl or former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the telephone to work out a problem. That wasn't Reagan's favorite part. Bush doesn't love the public part of the presidency. Bush is a very one-on-one kind of guy and likes to deal with small groups of people. Reagan found it more congenial to talk to 250 million people. They have different ways of approaching the job. □

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tions that flowed in with the publicity generated by President Coolidge. Soon after the headlines disappeared, the gifts did, too. In 1937, the federal government assumed financial responsibility and appropriated \$836,000 of the \$990,000 needed for the final four years. The Mount Rushmore National Memorial today is under the authority

of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The 60-year-old Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society, a private support group, cooperates with the National Park Service in preserving the site.

Sculptor Gutzon Borglum was already familiar with oversize sculpting when he assumed the carving of Mount Rushmore. His previous commission was a head of General Robert E. Lee on Stone Mountain in Georgia. The project was scrapped over disagreements between Borglum and the committee in charge. The experience, however, gave the sculptor a knowledge of a specialized

engineering technique that he planned to apply to Mount Rushmore. The results are awesome. The presidential heads measure 60 feet from the chin to the top of the head. Each nose measures 20 feet. Each mouth is 18 feet wide. The eyes are 11 feet across. But the spectacular size was not intended to be the major attraction. And the sculpture was not meant as a memorial to the four Presidents.

The dimensions, Borglum believed, "should be determined by the importance to civilization of the events commemorated." The presidential representations are a lasting reminder of this country's past achievements and the hope a democracy offers for the future.

Scientists have predicted Mount Rushmore will survive for the next 100,000, maybe half-million years. But they did not foresee the inclusion of man-carved faces.

Even as work was in progress, Borglum recognized that if water was allowed to flow through the cracks in the granite, the heating and cooling of the water would cause the rock to expand and contract. A constant movement, of this type, can shift the rock. Borglum devised a way to seal the cracks with a mixture of linseed oil, white lead and powdered granite. Now every fall, three members of the Mount Rushmore staff, fastened into safety harnesses, are lowered over the faces by winches to patch cracks with the same mixture. Recently, an engineering firm conducted a comprehensive examination of the cracks through a series of close-up photographs that is expected to result in an effective maintenance-preservation plan.

The preservation plan is twofold: fill natural cracks annually and discover a compound to seal the entire sculpture against wear and tear. The memorial has never been cleaned because nature has done the job with rain and snow and bleaching by sunlight.

In addition to the natural cracks, the light granite complexion of the presidential portraits will slowly weather to match the gray-brown of the adjoining cliffs. Sandblasting and other mechanical procedures of removing the darker buildup are dangerous because such practices tend to remove surface rock. Compounds have been offered to seal the faces against weathering, but testing produced either discoloring or a complete change in the color of the rock. The search for a solution continues.

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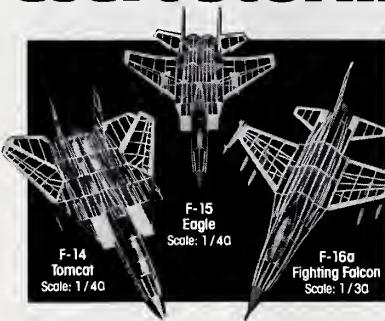
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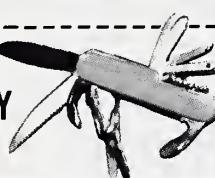
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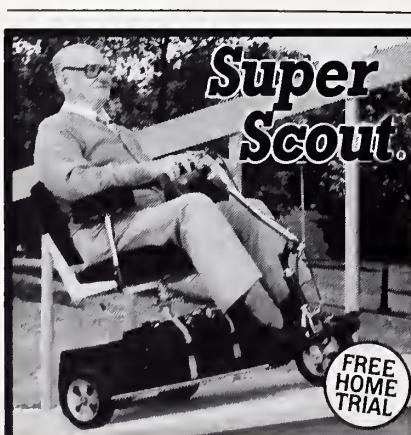
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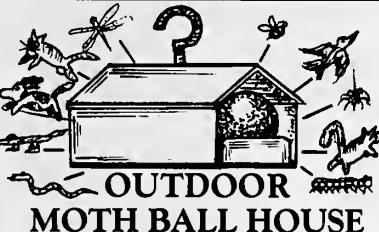
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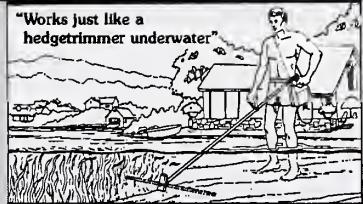
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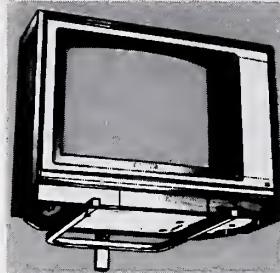
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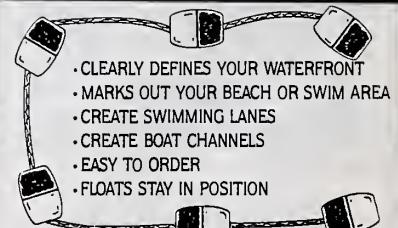
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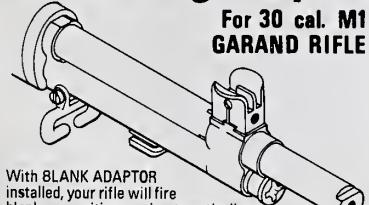
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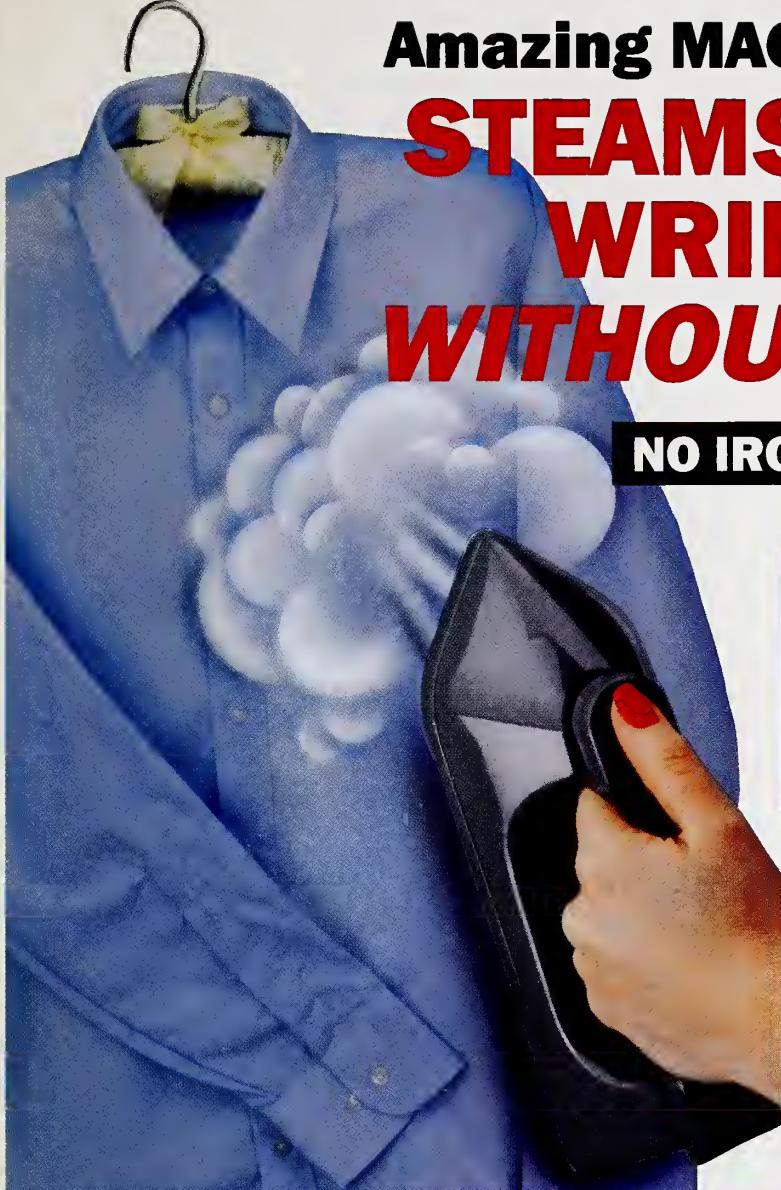
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